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## President's Message

Happy New Year ! May you have good health, happiness and prosperity all year long , and may you find those missing branches in your family trees this year.!

January is membership renewal month—don't miss a single issue. A years membership is still only $15.00 for which you receive ten issues of *Trees* to keep in your ring binder note book, easily accessible for research. Back issues are excellent research tools and are now available in annual volumes.

The first meeting of the year will be January 23, at 7:00 pm in the main library on the corners of Nash, Jackson, and Broad Streets. We are very pleased to be able to meet there again. Look forward to seeing you then.

Carol M. Forbes
President

## Editors' Message

Hello,

We are pleased to bring you a slightly revised format of "Trees" for the New Year. You will see the President's message above with a personal note from Carol. You will also notice our increased focus on Wilson Heritage. The 2000 census tells us that the rural population of Wilson County has dropped to about 2,000, down from 20,000 a few decades back. The focus is now on manufacturing and industry as opposed to agriculture, which is still around but much more mechanized. Therefore, it is even more important that we concentrate on our vanishing local farm family heritage.

WilsonNC@egroups.com is our online query system which replaced the queries in "Trees". We have recently made changes in this site to allow members free access for posting queries and receiving answers. Earlier group members will still be allowed to view these but must be a WCGS member to post queries and exchange information.

Henry and Sue Powell.

## January 23 WCGS Program

*Dr. Bruce Pruitt to speak*

Bruce Pruitt is the author of three books about N. C. military bounty land warrants, forty-nine books on N. C. land entries/claims, two books on entries/claims in Tennessee, six books on N.C. county deeds, and six other books on N.C. land records.

Bruce will speak to our group about military bounty land warrants in Tennessee and will point out some of the pitfalls encountered by genealogical researchers when searching such records. Questions to be raised include: 1. Did the soldier actually serve in the military?; 2. Did the soldier serve for the requisite number of months? 3. Is the land location described accurately? 4. Was a warrant actually issued to the soldier, or was it sold by a surveyor? 5. Was the warrant issued legally? 6. Was the warrant legally entered into the county land records? 7. Did the warrants stand the test of time or were they later voided when an error was found? 8. Verify that a man actually served in a N. C. regiment even if his name is listed on a warrant. Fraud was rampant.

These questions will provide guidance to all researchers on any subject in the proper methods for reliable results.

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## Family Connections • Wilson Daily Times November 21, 2000

**The Dew Family**

The surname of Dew is found both in England and in Wales. Some bearers descend from Norman French invaders who arrived in 1066, being D'eu (from a region in France). Others inherited the name from their old English ancestors atte dywe (one who lives on damp ground), and still others carry the Welsh qualifier Dhu (dark or swarthy). The English version of the name is scattered across southern England, with a particular concentration in the county of Essex which adjoins London on the northeast. Some Dews claim descent from French Emperor Charlemagne while others claim an Irish origin. Neither of these claims seem to stand up to intensive verification. Like almost all Americans, the Dews are likely descended from humble working class British ancestors.

The first known Dew to arrive in America was Thomas Dew of London, born about 1600, thought to be the son of Thomas Dew, a London stationer in St. Dunstans Parish and investor in the Virginia Company. Young Thomas married Elizabeth in London in 1622 and left her behind on his initial voyage to Bermuda in 1627. He returned to London on several occasions, and Elizabeth came to Virginia in 1634 with daughter Ann, 9 months old, to meet Thomas there. Their son, John, was born in 1635, probably in Jamestown.

Thomas' first mention in Virginia was recorded in 1634 in a land transaction in Nansemond County (now Suffolk) at the southernmost end of the Nansemond River where it divides into the Southern and Western Branches. The area became known as Dew's Point. In the years that followed, Thomas acquired over 1,400 acres of land in the same area. By 1638, he was known as a "gentleman", a class distinction of the era. Thomas sat as a Burgess in the Virginia Assembly of 1642, the first of the era of Governor Berkeley. By 1655, Thomas was a member of the elite "Governor's Council" as a reward for his many services to the Crown. He acquired the title of Colonel along the way, likely conferred by Berkeley as an honor.

Thomas was one of the first Virginians to explore the province of North Carolina in 1646 when he was sent by Governor Berkeley with a company of men to explore "Corretuck". The group explored Chowan Sound until they were attacked by Indians. There is still a Dew's Island in the Sound, possibly named in honor of the exploratory visit.

George Fox came to Virginia in 1672 to propagate the Quaker Faith, accompanied by William Edmundson, who later reported that "at Nancemum ... Collonell Dewes ... was much taken with ye truth..." Thomas Dew openly professed his Quaker Faith thereafter. Fox later listed sixteen people in the Colonies who were supporters of the Friends. Dew's name was at the head of the list, followed by Gov. John Winthrop of Connecticut.

Despite the destruction of Nansemond County records by several fires, evidence remains that Thomas Dew was dead by 1691, leaving several children. John, listed earlier, was dead by 1677 but left a son, John Jr., b. 1675, who settled in adjoining Isle of Wight County. Dew's Plantation Road remains there today, but there is no dwelling of that period to be seen.

John, Jr. moved to northeastern North Carolina possibly by 1712, settling in (now) Northampton County. He died in 1744. He patented much land during his lifetime, including one 200 acre tract "south of the Neuse River" in 1715, which probably makes him one of the first land owners in our part of eastern North Carolina. We know nothing more of that patent. John left children John, Joseph, Spencer, Mornen, William, Patience, and Sarah, and his wife Susannah.

Captain John Dew, son of John Dew. Jr., was born 1695 in Isle of Wight County and died 1770 in Edgecombe County, N.C. In 1751, he purchased 300 acres of land with a "grice" (grist or corn) mill on Toisnot Swamp for

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## Family Connections - December 19, 2000
## From the Wilson Daily Times

I was just five, a kindergartener at St. Theresa's. None of what follows would be etched in my memory had it not been for the radio announcement on the cold Sunday afternoon of December 7. At first I didn't understand the reason for all the to-do in our little living room. The adults became agitated and discussed their concerns. I probably asked the obvious question, "What is Pearl Harbor?" I was told that we should plan to make the best of the coming Christmas because things would be very different for "the duration" (whatever that meant). Five-year-olds understand the word "war" but certainly not what goes with it.

Within a few minutes, we bundled up to walk around the corner to my grandparents' home on Broad Street. I still remember the sights and sounds of the moment as we came out on the sidewalk. Outside our apartment house (the old Tilghman home on the site of the current Imagination Station), local farmers had brought truck loads of greenery for sale at the corner of Nash and Pine Streets. I can still smell the pungent cedar and pine branches and see the vivid holly boughs, great branches of dark green mistletoe with the ghostly waxy white berries, and the lush wreaths and ropes of running cedar (actually a fern-type plant now nearly extinct in Wilson County).

Crossing Nash street at the corner of Pine Street, we passed Mrs. W. T. Clark's house (where there is now a tower of BB&T). I later stopped there on summer afternoons to greet Mrs. Clark and her companion, Miss Florida Cotton (aunt of the Hollywood star, Joseph Cotton who set the community into a dither when he visited her). Kids had a lot more freedom in those days; the streets were safe; and nobody locked their doors at night.

Continuing down Pine Street towards Broad Street, we passed the little white "board & batten" building that had once been a kindergarten run by Mrs. McNair, then the Woman's Club, and in 1921-23 the City Library run by Mrs. W. M. Moss. There was a rock garden in the back where I ran to see the fish pond and little fortress, built long before by a Mr. Finch.

Across the street from the old library was the Perry home, built by Custus Lee Perry, founder of the auto repair garage. Perry had come to Wilson in 1890 as an agent for the railroad, and became a local pioneer in auto repairs. He was born in Bladen County, in Perryville (now named Council), son of the Honorable Andrew Perry, State Legislator. The Perry family of Bladen County has strong roots among the Highland Scottish immigrants of the Cape Fear River valley, settling there sometime before 1788. Custus Lee married Minnie Mae Barnes, daughter of Augustus and Sallie Bass Barnes of Black Creek. Perry's Garage continued under Lee and Minnie's son, Bailey, until the property became a parking lot not many years ago.

Around the corner, onto Broad Street, we passed the home of Jeanette Grainger, manager of the unemployment office (now the Employment Security Commission) during the bleak years of the depression. She also had a fish pond, which she tended carefully. Of course, this was very important at my age.

Up the hill, on the right was the boarding house of old Mrs. Hawkins, stooped and partially lame. Everyone loved her, and probably took unfair advantage of her as well. Three times each day, she could be found in her kitchen, making a large batch of lard biscuits and platters of fried chicken, bowls of fresh vegetables and wonderful desserts. This was my favorite place to visit because I always got a pat on the head and a fried chicken leg along with a biscuit. Scary to a small child, the residents were mostly a quiet bunch with a universally gloomy look. They were not kid friendly!

Next to the Hawkins house was the Wray home. Daughter of Allie Fleming (for whom our local baseball stadium was named), Mrs. Wray charmed the neighborhood with her kindness and good will. I remember that she decorated her house with ropes of running cedar bought from the street vendors.

Many everyday items had already been made unavailable through government order in preparation for the anticipated war needs. But, our Christmas day was pretty much normal, with baked chicken from the chicken yard, and vegetables from the garden. Our family, like countless others, was anxious about the sons and husbands who would be called into service. Uncle Guy was a high school senior who would surely have to go, and he did.

We soon moved in with the grandparents as our part of the war effort to conserve, and I spent the war years digging foxholes in the garden and watching for Japanese planes from the old cherry tree in the back yard.

Story by Henry & Sue Powell
With photograph provided by Guy Cox

There was a photograph used in the Daily Times showing Nash Street at Tarboro Street, December 1941. It showed stores, old cars, the Christmas wreath on the street light, and uniformed military personnel walking on the sidewalks. This photo was taken by local photographer, Guy Cox, with his first camera, from the upper window of Webb's Shoe Store. This photo may be viewed at the Wilson Daily Times internet archive at http://www.wilsondaily.com
_ When you get to that site, go into the archives and bring up the issue for December 19. Look in the Lifestyles section.

## 1853 Description of the Town of Wilson

Reprint from July 1853 issue of *Christian Friend* by Dr. J. T. Walsh, editor

Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

*The Christian Friend was a religious publication issued for a few months in Wilson by the Disciples of Christ. Dr. J. T. Walsh, the editor, was also a minister. This article was reprinted in the unpublished manuscript A Town Named Wilson by Daisy Hendley Gold with research assistance by Marion Moore.*

"This town of Wilson was incorporated and laid off some four years ago and now presents quite a neat appearance as the town in the woods.

"Wilson is located on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, 108 miles from Wilmington and in the southwestern corner of Edgecombe county, twenty-eight miles from Tarboro. The citizens of the town together with those surrounding have applied for several years to the state legislature to be cut off and formed into a new county, but as yet have been unsuccessful. The probability is, however, that through their continued application at each future session of the legislature the petition founded on justice will be granted.

"The plank road chartered from Greenville to Raleigh has been completed to Wilson from Greenville and affords great facilities to the business men of the place to send off their produce to market and to obtain supplies from other markets to the port at Washington, N. C. as well as through Wilmington. The cars on the railroad pass this place four times every day for carrying the mail and to accommodate travelers. Going south the mail train passes from one o'clock to two a.m., and the express train passes from half after three to four p.m.

"The stage from Greenville arrives here on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from three o'clock to half after three p.m., time enough for the cars going south, and leaves here Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at four o'clock a. m. so as to connect with the steamboat at Greenville going to Washington. The stage from Raleigh arrives here at six o'clock p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and leaves here at six o'clock a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

"There are five turpentine stills at work here and the sixth is being set up. There are four dry goods stores, two of them on a large scale, and three grocery stores, and we regret to have to say that at each of these liquor is sold.

"There are two public houses here, and to their credit be it spoken neither of them have a bar to supply their customers with ardent spirits, and yet both houses are liberally patronized; and the proprietors of both anticipate enlarging their premises to meet the demands of the increased travel which has been centering in this place since the completion of the plank road thus far.

"There is as yet one meeting house in the place and that belongs to the Old-Side Baptist (Primitive Baptists). However, there is a large hall over one of the stores where all denominations can hold worship; and the lower room of the Masonic Hall has been generously tendered by the Lodge for a place of worship free of charge, which will soon be fitted up for that purpose and occupied by the Disciples of Christ, and also be free to other ministers to preach in when not occupied by them. The Methodists have a subscription on foot to build a house for their separate worship.

"The Masons have a very neat hall and quite a numerous membership. The Odd Fellows are also preparing to erect a hall to accommodate their rapidly increasing order; and the Sons of Temperance are also numerous and meet in the large hall over the store before alluded to, which is called the Temperance Hall.

"There are two physicians located here who have neat offices well supplied with medicine and who are prepared to meet all demands for their services.

There is a large coach-making establishment where good and very neat work is put up. There is a boot and shoe shop here where the best quality of work is done to order. There is one milliner's and three tailoring establishments in the place and a clothing store where a full supply of gentlemen's apparel is constantly kept on hand. There is a gunsmith shop where all repairs can be made and the flint and steel changed into the percussion form; and also clocks and watches can be repaired there.

There are a number of cooper shops in and around the town to supply the turpentine stills with iron-bound barrels to hold and ship off their spirits. There are also a number of carpenters who are constantly erecting new and elegant homes for family residences and other purposes. There is one cabinet shop to supply the town and country around with neat and cheap furniture. Nor would we omit to notice that there is one candy store to supply all the children with a plenty of sweet things.

"The Society of Wilson is at present quite good, and its citizens are subscribing liberally to erect as soon as practicable a large female seminary and also a larger building for the male academy than the one now occupied with a view to still greater improvement.

"Upon the whole Wilson presents an encouraging prospect for its own citizens and the holds out inducements for those families who have children to educate and desire a healthy location to come and settle in Wilson."

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£65 (about $60,000 now). Our local readers will know this land as the present "Dewfield" development on Lake Wilson Road. This land was originally patented in 1742 by John Lott , who later moved to Duplin County. John Dew's children were Abraham, John, Arthur, Elizabeth, Priscilla, and Sarah.

The original Dew family local cemetery was described in a recent article in the Wilson Daily Times as abandoned. Perhaps "forgotten" would be more accurate. The earliest grave there, according to the Dew family Bible, is probably that of Captain John Dew from 1770. A copy of the Bible record of this family was located in the Hugh Johnston files. Remains found in the Dew Cemetery were removed to Maplewood Cemetery.

We will continue the Dew family in a later column as the numerous branches which have developed in our local area deserve a more thorough coverage than the space remaining in this month's column.

Report prepared by Henry & Sue Powell
With information obtained from the Hugh B. Johnston files

## 1860 Businesses and Occupations in Wilson

*compiled by Sue Evans Powell*

The 1860 Wilson County Census lists the following businesses producing articles to the annual value of $500:

Willie Daniel spirits turpentine
Samuel Marshburn lumber
*Lamm & Williamson lumber
Parker & Massey coach & harness makers
Privett, Mercer & Deens spirits turpentine
*John Winborn spirits turpentine
Mabry Hinant spirits turpentine and rosen
*Willie Boykin spirits turpentine
Willie Lamm spirits turpentine and rosen
R. H. Baker lumber

*businesses which were started in 1860

The population index lists these persons with occupations other than farmer, laborer, or domestic.

Annie Honfleur teacher of music
Mary E. Rice school teacher
Lucy A. Williams teacher
D. L. Richardson principal in male school
Mrs. D. L. Richardson principal in female school
C. D. Blackman teacher of music
Sophia Moranda teacher of French
Lucy Manard teacher
E. P. Tucke teacher
Mariah Crafton teacher
J. H. Foy editor
_____ Williams printer
Thomas Lee printer
John C. Gorman printer
Charles E. Harward printer
M. V. Gilbert printer
M. A. H. Goddin Meth. Clergy
E. H. Hooper dentist
R. G. Barham physician
W. J. Bulluck physician
A. C. Thomas physician
A. S. Cotton physician
James Wills chemist
J. J. Thomas druggist
George Howard, Jr. Superior court judge
Thomas C. Davis county court clerk
John T. Barnes sheriff of county
F. W. Taylor town constable
W. H. Bunn attorney
B. B. Barnes lawyer
Arthur Barnes lawyer
James S. Woodard attorney
G. W. Ballinger engineer
John McBride watchmaker
Obediah Crowder silversmith ap prentice
E. G. Clark postmaster & merchant
Perry Barnes merchant
Bunyan Barnes merchant
W. G. Jordan merchant
W. W. Winsted merchant
W. M. Gay merchant
W. D. Rountree merchant
Moses Rountree merchant
Lewis Rountree merchant
Alfred J. Brown merchant
Charles Ibbetson merchant
R. H. Tooley merchant
N. B. Doughtie merchant
S. M. Warren merchant
A. H. Williams merchant
Kinchen Harrell merchant
J. D. Rountree merchant
Buckner Stith trades
S. Fountain trading
Lafayette Barnes grocer
Lovett Peacock grocer
Blake Rhodes confectioner
R. D. Johnston merchant tailor
John C. Callaghan tailor
Martin Mulane tailor
_____ Malone tailor
S. H. Morse milliner
Penina Grimes seamstress
Mariah Mumford seamstress
Elizabeth Skinner seamstress
Mary E. Taylor seamstress
Mary Bowers mantua maker[1]
Anna Bowers mantua maker
Elizabeth Williams mantua maker
Lucinda Wooten mantua maker
Roberta Lepark mantua maker
William Patterson shoe & bootmaker
Edwin Eatmon boot maker
Joseph Fogg shoemaker
Van Buren Winborn ten pin alley
Lemon Taborn barber
William Shavers barber
A. G. Rhodes hotel supt.
Margaret Battle landlady
H. L. Winton boarding house
Amos J. Battle farm manager
H. M. Warren clerk[2]
Thomas Perry clerk
Thomas Stith clerk
Richard P. Farmer clerk
Jerry Beeman clerk
J. J. Atkinson clerk
Moses Sharpe clerk
David Stokes clerk
R. H. Powell clerk
William Tugwell clerk
John A. Boswell clerk
J. H. Riggin mechanic
Thomas F. Christman millwright
Philip Korn cabinet maker[3]
Daniel Small cabinet maker
Wilson Mullins cabinet maker
Bennet Crafton master carpenter
John Miner carpenter
William Johnston carpenter
Zeb Stuart carpenter
R. D. Alley carpenter
W. W. Barnes carpenter
W. P. Fitzgerald carpenter
Briant Stokes carpenter
Henry Wiggins carpenter
David Hunter carpenter
William H. Bryant carpenter
James Farmer carpenter
_____ Webster carpenter
Lueco Glenn carpenter
Joseph J. Jackson carpenter
Andrew Jackson carpenter
William C. Harris carpenter
Robert Beamon carpenter
Amos Taylor carpenter
Birden Rafred carpenter
James Harris carpenter apprentice
Henry Jackson carpenter
Luther Jorden sash & blind maker
Albert Farmer master mason
Gray Proctor brick mason
Joseph Thorn brick mason
Joseph Thorn plasterer
Noah Lynch plasterer
_____ McGuire plasterer
John Spencer painter
Peter Epps painter
Albert Carter painter
Robert Lancaster painter
William Hayman painter
H. D. Patton painter
Thomas Hoffer painter
Joseph H. Freeman tinner[4]
Robert L. Wyatt tinner
C. L. Parker coach maker
William Murray coach maker
W. N. Hackney coach maker
John Pitman coach maker
Anthony Nadal coach maker
William Louis coach maker
Rutledge Wells coach maker
Jacob Fiedler coach trimmer
Lawrence Friar coach painter apprentice
Richard E. Jones coach trim apprentice
William Pearce coach trim apprentice
[Lewis] Cox harness maker

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| _____ Fullitten | harness maker |
| Samuel Parker | harness maker |
| Edwin Warren | harness maker |
| Joseph Tucker | harness maker apprentice |
| Redmon Conden | wheelwright |
| John Kersey | blacksmith |
| Thomas Snite | blacksmith helper |
| Thomas Horn | blacksmith apprentice |
| W. P. Wooten | teamster |
| J. M. Winborn | waggoner[5] |
| R. M. Franklin | waggoner |
| Noah Peacock | waggoner |
| Reubin Winborn | waggoner |
| John Butler | ostler[6] |
| Jesse H. Artis | hostler[sic] |

[1]mantuamaker-a mantua was a loose robe open down the front to show the petticoat. This person would likely be called a dressmaker today.
[2]clerk-This could have represented a variety of occupations: a person in charge of a civil office, a person who copies records, a salesperson, a person who keeps accounts and answers letters, a layman who holds a minor office in a religious group. It was also an ancient term for a clergyman.
[3]cabinet maker-a craftsman skilled in the art of making furniture of wood.
[4]tinner-a sheet metal worker
[5]waggoner-a teamster
[6]ostler-a person who cares for horses in a stable

Definitions are taken from *A to ZAX, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians,* Third Edition, Barbara Jean Evans

## WILLIAM SMITH

*From the Hugh Johnston files*

On August 11, 1754, William Smith, Jr., of Edgecombe County paid to Frederick Homes of Bertie County £16 for 100 acres on Roanoke River in Bertie County adjoining Richard Williams and Beaver Dam Branch, which had been bequeathed to said William Smith by Thomas Busbee, witnessed by Barnabas (B) Bryan, John Francis Sivey, James (X) Boon, and Judith Thomas. (Bertie County, Deed Book H, p. 208).

(Thomas Busbee may actually have made a will in Bertie County, but it has not survived the passage of the years.)

## Brief Outline of History, Wilson for Past 88 Years

*Charles B. McLean, Mayor of Wilson*
*Reprint of 1937 article in Wilson Daily Times*

The Town of Wilson was chartered by the General Assembly January 29, 1849. Wilson until that date was known as Toisnot Depot or Hickory Grove. It was then in Edgecombe County and remained in Edgecombe County until Wilson County was formed in 1855. The first town commissioners named in the act incorporating Wilson were General Joshua Barnes, Jonathan Rountree, Jno. W. Farmer, James D. Barnes and Arthur Farmer. Wilson is now known as the Town of Wilson and is, I believe, the largest town in North Carolina—there are some cities smaller than Wilson but no towns larger.

In 1850 the Board of Commissioners of the new town passed some ordinances … . Horses, mules, cows and pigs [were] not permitted to roam at large on streets, penalty one dollar against owner permitting. They had their speed demons in those days as it was unlawful to drive a horse, mule or other animal at a dangerous gait. Circus and menagerie licenses were $5.00. There was a special ordinance prohibiting a certain young man from riding a horse bareback standing, on the streets of Wilson. History does not relate whether or not this young man later joined a circus.

The first tax list available was in 1851, two years after the town was chartered. On April 5th of that year the Board deemed it expedient to levy a tax for town purposes, so a poll tax on each white and colored male of 50¢ was imposed. A property tax of 15¢ on the hundred dollar valuation of real estate, no tax on personal property. A total amount was collected that year of $51.87 which was sufficient for the needs of the town.

One of the reasons that our forebears could operate the town so cheaply was that each male citizen was required to devote a certain number of days each year to work on the streets or other public works. We had two policemen or patrolmen as they were called, and their compensation was exemption from working the streets.

In 1855 the tax rate was raised from 15¢ to 20¢ on the hundred dollar valuation of real estate. The tax list for 1858 shows a levy of $409.99, and 1859 of $437.05. This was the amount levied, not collected.

During the Civil War it was found necessary to have additional police protection and a patrol was formed of the men of the town, each patrol consisting of three men each, one of which was captain. They were compensated by being exempt from street work, and for failure to serve on a patrol the punishment was a fine of $5.00.

Also during the Civil War there was a military hospital in Wilson located in a house on what is now Railroad Street. Wilson was visited by both Confederate and Union forces but fortunately never both at the same time. At one time during the war a detachment of soldiers entered Wilson on the run, coming from the South on what is now Tarboro Street, they turned into Nash Street and did not stop running until they reached the corner of Nash and Pine where the nurses' home of the Carolina General Hospital is now located. At that time there was a barn there stored with whiskey. These soldiers had been told about the contents of the barn, and they all proceeded to get gloriously drunk and threatened to burn the town.

I have the first minute book of the Town of Wilson, dating from 1851 to 1885. In those days the town did not have a regularly appointed Clerk but some member of the Board of Commissioners was designated clerk and he kept the minute book. The taxes then were collected by the constable and turned over to the Town Treasurer, and the Treasurer's accounts were audited by the Board quarterly. The Board of Commissioners now have a regularly monthly meeting the first Thursday after the first Monday in each month. This custom was started April 17th, 1866. Prior to that time they had no regularity about holding meetings.

In 1867 the salary of the Constable was $25.00 a month, that of the Mayor

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$100.00 per year and the Town Clerk $50.00 a year.

A sales tax was levied in 1869 of one-fourth of one percent on purchases, however this tax did not remain on the books but a few years.

At every meeting of the Board several applications to secure permits to deal in spirituous liquors were received by the Board. These permits proved a great source of revenue to the town.

Memorial Day, May 10th, 1872, was expected to be a big day in the Town's history as all saloons were ordered closed on that day, and the police force was allowed ten extra men at $1.50 each for the day. I do not find any subsequent mention of this date, so I suppose that it passed off peacefully.

The streets were first lighted in 1872. A contract was made for twenty street lamps to cost $3.75 each and a contract made for twenty lamp posts at $1.25 each. The Chief of Police was ordered to keep the lamps in repair and burning. In 1875 a street lamp lighter was employed at a salary of $7.50 per month. This was changed to a larger position in 1879 when the office of lamp lighter and cemetery keeper was consolidated at a salary of $40.00 per month. The cost of street lights at this time is $16,263.63 per year. The present cemetery, or a portion of it, was purchased in 1875.

Col. T. S. Kenan, who was Mayor of Wilson in 1876 and several terms prior to that, resigned as he had been elected Attorney General of North Carolina, and Mr. A. J. Hines was elected to fill his unexpired term.

A fire district was formed in 1878, due to a disastrous fire that year. The fire district consisted of the block on which Branch Bank and Oettinger's store are now located, and it was unlawful to erect any wooden structure on that block.

The first mention I find of a tax on personal property was levied in 1882. That year the tax rate was, on real estate 30¢, personal property 18¢ on the hundred dollar valuation, poll tax $2.00.

On December 28, 1884, the Board had a special meeting. It is evident that there had been too much Christmas celebration by one of the policemen as the meeting was called to consider the discharge or retention of one of the force "who had been reported for the excessive use of ardent spirits." On motion it was resolved that on his earnest protestation and promise of reform, that he be retained for the month. "At the end of which time if he has been found by the Mayor to have been guilty again the Mayor shall at once remove, if he proves faithful that he be retained." The pledge evidently took as the minutes of the Board do not show that he was later removed.

Our Town has come a long way since its birth in 1849. We now have a police force of nineteen. The members of our police force are alert and courageous and on the job. This department has an identification bureau including photographs, finger prints, etc., second to none in North Carolina. A police short wave radio has been installed, and three cruising cars are equipped with radios. This enables our police to patrol the entire town day and night and be constantly in touch with headquarters. Last year the cost of maintaining our Police Department was $43,762.98; this year's budget calls for $44,768.00.

In 1876 ladders and buckets were bought for the fire department at a cost of $94.40. In 1882 a steam fire engine was purchased and when it arrived it was discovered that there was no water available for its use. Cisterns were dug in the street and at the first fire at which it was used, the fire chief fell in the cistern and almost drowned before being rescued. That fire engine is in Wilson at the present time and is being used for other purposes at the Town lot. We now have a most modern fire house with three modern pumper trucks capable of pumping 750 gallons of water per minute and one new service and ladder truck. These pumper trucks cost $12,500. each. The fire department is composed of a Chief, Assistant Chief, six full time paid men and thirty-two volunteers. The cost of maintaining our fire department last year was $20,255.03 plus $8,160.00 for hydrant service. This year's budget allows $23,197.00 to this department. We have suffered comparatively light losses from fires, being on the State honor roll for no fires during several recent months. We have a fire department of which we may well be proud.

The revenues of the Town for the year ending June 30th, 1937 totaled $288,119.06 and expenditures for this period were $286,201.42 as compared to an income of $51.87 for the year 1851.

The citizens of Wilson should be proud of its utilities and should know more about this unit of our government. The electric light plant was started in 1892. Two members of the Board were in favor of it and two opposed; one was undecided. There was a vacancy on the police force and the Commissioner who was undecided agreed to vote for an electric light plant if he were allowed to name the new policeman. This permission was granted him and he voted with the two in favor through all of the building of the plant. A bond issue of $15,000.00 was authorized for this purpose with the provision that the bonds were not to be sold for less than par, so the bonds were sold to the company from whom the plant was purchased at par. This amount was sufficient for the boilers, engines, street wiring and everything but the lot and building. One of the Commissioners bought the lot below the A. C. L. R. R. passenger station and built the building and later sold it to the town. This was paid to him from the general fund. The lights were first turned on in Wilson in 1893. The contract for building the plant was written on the only typewriter in Wilson at that time. The smoke stack at the present plant cost more than the entire original plant.

The waterworks were started in 1893 with a bond issue of $60,000.00. All the Commissioners were in favor of this.

Wilson serves a number of neighboring towns with electric current. It has built and put into use 260 miles of rural lines, and at the present time has something over 1,013 rural customers. With these lines electrical energy is available for every resident in the county. These rural customers are billed the same as town customers, and a great majority of them come into town to pay their bills, and our merchants say that during the summer this is a tremendous aid to their business, as naturally the more people we bring into town the more trading goes on. Our country customers also tell us that living is being made much easier with electric lights, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, motors, etc.

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For the year ending June 30, 1937 total revenue from the utilities, electric, gas and water, were $458,574.67, total expense including utilities bonds and interest were $284,094.06, leaving a net income from the year's business of $174,480.61.

There was a very complimentary article in the American City Magazine recently relative to our utilities. This article contained the following comment: "Wilson presents an excellent example of a municipality giving its citizens the benefit of operating its own utilities, and of conserving these benefits, in the form of moderate rates, financial security and surpluses devoted to municipal purposes."

Previously I mentioned the fact that our forebearers operated the town without levying a tax rate because male citizens were required to work the streets a certain number of days a year. Thus maintenance of the streets cost practically nothing while last year our street department cost $59,356.54 and the current year's budget calls for the expenditure of $72,884.

A fair idea of the enormous task it is to keep our streets clean of debris, remove garbage and trash from the business and residential sections can be gleaned from the recent annual report of the street superintendent. This report disclosed that during 1936-37 28,538 cubic yards of garbage was removed and disposed of; 19,476 cubic yards of trash was also removed; 3,839 miles of paved streets were cleaned and 7,937 miles of dirt streets maintained. There are 20 miles of paved and 95 miles of dirt streets in the city. The department also maintains 85 miles of sanitary sewers and 60 miles of storm sewers. During the past year street department equipment traveled a total of 107,643 miles and no vehicle was involved in an accident.

Wilson has enjoyed a steady healthy growth since 1900. At that time we had a population of 3,525; 1910, 6,717; 1920, 10,612; 1930, 12,609. In 1935 the present town limits were extended taking in Five Points, Hominy Heights and West End. It is estimated that we now have a population of about 17,000.

The tobacco market was started in Wilson in 1890 by Captain Pace. The first warehouse was built by popular subscription of stock. The first tobacco was sold here September 9, 1890 by Elder Wm. Woodard to Branch, Briggs & Co. for 50¢ a pound. The market formally opened September 10, 1890. The next year there were two warehouses. Today Wilson has nine mammoth warehouses with more floor space than any other tobacco market in the world and is the world's largest bright leaf market.

There are scores of men now living who have served with distinction and honor as officials of our town and hundreds of women who have contributed to make Wilson what it is today. I would like to mention each one of them but have striven to keep personalities out of this article.

This is not a full length portrait of Wilson, merely a sketch. I know that numerous events and happenings have been left out, but it is impossible to say all that should be said in an article of this nature.

I am proud to be Mayor of the largest town in the country. I deeply appreciate the confidence and good will which the people have shown me and so long as I remain in my office will serve the people and interests of Wilson to the best of my ability.

And now as we start the fiscal year 1937-38 it is my earnest hope that we will continue to go forward as a community and make as much progress and have as much growth during the next eighty eight years as we have had during the past years since we were chartered as the Town of Wilson, N. C.

## Obituary of Nancy Thompson

**Zion's Landmark April 1, 1889, No. 10**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Dear Brethren and sisters, I have been requested by Union church, and especially by the two beloved sons, Jessie and John, members of the same church to write something in respect to their deceased mother, Sister Nancy Thompson. Sister Thompson was born January 11th. 1793, died Sept. 18th, 1888, aged 95 years 9 months 7 days. … The sister and husband Elijah Thompson, together with their oldest son, were received in Union church and baptized 8th, July 1832, by Elder Wm. Wall. Jarriat Thompson lived a Christian life often praying in his family, … . Brother Elijah Thompson was married to the said sister Nancy Braswell, daughter of Jacob Braswell, on or about 1812, by whom she had 4 children all boys, two survive her. Sister Thompson was the grand mother of 16 children, 2 dead, great grand mother of 45 children, 5 dead, great-great grand mother of 5 children. There are many that will bear me witness that she was a mother in hospitality unto many. I have heard it said by some that knew her manner of life that if she had bread for her own children she had bread for them also. …

A year or so before her death, when she was unable to go to the meeting, she became restless, and requested the writer to go to her sons and preach in her hearing. I did so one time. After lining the hymn and singing, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word, &c.", I tried to preach to the dear old sister from 1st Peter, 1st chap. and 8th verse. …

The children and we mourn not as those without hope. I will now say to the many little grand-children that grand-mothers' walk and order was a pattern for you to walk by, … . Let us ever pursue the course of the two brothers, John and Jessie Thompson, in the kind and tender care for their mother, bear each others burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. At God's appointed time He calmly called sister Nancy Thompson home to himself without a struggle. …

S. H. Braddy

## Martha E. Dorch and others v. Wm. T. Dorch, Adm'r., and others

Submitted by Grace Turner

An administrator is not required to insure the estate of his intestate; but he is required to be honest, faithful and diligent.

If an administrator retains the funds of his intestate to meet the exigencies of his office, or to discharge the debts against the estate, when established, or because there are none within the jurisdiction of the Court authorized to receive it, he is not only permitted but encouraged to invest such funds in interest bearing securities.

CIVIL ACTION for the purpose of settling an estate, heard upon exceptions to the report of a commissioner, at Fall Term, 1873, of Wilson Superior Court, before Clarke, J.

This action commenced by a bill in equity, filed at Fall Term, 1859. It was regularly continued from term to term, without action, until the Spring term, 1872, of the present Superior Court, when it was referred to a commissioner to state an account, who reported to Spring Term, 1873. At this term plaintiffs filed exceptions to the report, which were heard at the ensuing term.

His Honor sustained a part of the exceptions, giving judgment accordingly. From this judgment defendants appealed.

The point raised by the exceptions and the grounds sustaining it are fully set out in the opinion of the Court.

Moore & Gatling, Smith & Strong, and Haywood, for appellants.

Faircloth & Grainger, contra.

Settle, J. The material facts are, that in 1854 the defendants became the administrator of L. J. Dortch, who died in that year in Edgecombe County, leaving a widow and three children, who are the plaintiffs in this action. That the plaintiffs removed to and became residents of the State of Mississippi. Some time before the filing of this petition, which was at Fall Term, 1859, and that the three children, all infants, had no guardian in this State. That the estate of the intestate, L. J. Dortch, was much involved in litigation, requiring numerous suits and much delay in its settlement; that the defendant having money in his hands belonging to the estate, with suits pending against him, which he might be called upon to answer, and further, having no one in the State to whom he could pay the money, invested it by loan to one George W. Collier, on what is admitted to have been good personal security, but what afterwards became worthless by the results of the war. That the defendant in 1867, in order to secure this fund, took the note of the said Collier for the same, and secured the note by mortgage on land, which is alleged to be amply sufficient to pay the debt; that in consequence of protracted litigation the Collier land has not yet been sold.

At spring Term, 1872, an order was made appointing a commissioner to state the account of the administration by the defendant.

A report was made, and exceptions filed, and the controversy is now narrowed down to a single point which arises upon that portion of the report, which is as follows:

"It further appearing that George W. Collier was indebted to the estate, (meaning that he had borrowed money belonging to the estate of the intestate, from the defendant,) and that he became insolvent by the results of the war, and that the administrator took his note on the first day of February, 1867, secured by mortgage on real estate, which is amply sufficient to secure the payment of said note, the collection of which has been delayed by much litigation, I report that the sums due the plaintiff should be paid out of said note when collected, the amount of said note being more than sufficient to pay the sums reported."

The plaintiff excepted to the report of the commissioner, finding that they should be paid out of the proceeds of the Collier note and mortgage, insisting that they were entitled to an immediate judgment; and his Honor sustained the exception from which ruling the defendant appealed.

The question at once presents itself: Did the defendant act in good faith, and with due diligence in his transactions with Collier?

The authorities cited by Mr. Haywood, in his well considered brief, establish beyond question:

1. That when an executor or administrator has money of the estate in his hands, and there are no reasons why he should retain it, and he has an opportunity of paying it over to the legatees or next of kin, he should do so, and will not be heard to say that he had loaned it out, for the sake of interest.

2. If there are reasons why he should retain it, in order to meet the exigencies of his office, or as in our case,

to pay debts, if established, or because there was no one here authorized to receive it, he is not only permitted but encouraged to invest it in interest-bearing securities, for the benefit of the fund.

3. An administrator is not required to insure the estate of his intestate, but he is required to be honest, faithful and diligent.

Let us apply these principles to the case before us.

The defendant, in the early part of his administration, had two reasons for retaining the fund, either of which was sufficient, and having once invested it, the result is likely to prove that he has been much more fortunate in his investment, and management of the fund than nine-tenths of those who have had the a management of trust funds during and since the war. No one will say that he ought to have collected depreciated currency during the war; and those who have witnessed the general wreck of fortunes since the war will hardly believe that one who is about to save all that was entrusted to him, is not both faithful and diligent.

What we have said disposes not only of the main question, but also of the exception as to the forty dollars expended on account of the Collier mortgage.

This opinion will be certified to the end that the Superior Court may inquire into the condition of the mortgage, and have it assigned for the benefit of the plaintiffs, or require the defendant to close it, for the benefit of the plaintiffs, as may seem best to meet the ends of justice.

Per Curiam. Judgment accordingly.

Source: North Carolina Reports, Cases, Supreme Court of North Carolina, June Term 1874. Volume 71, pages 224-227.

## Descendants of Permenter and Margaret "Peggy" Braswell

*From the Hugh Johnston files*

*[Editor: Rev. Robert Bracewell of Yorkshire, England arrived in Virginia in 1649. His son, Robert, had a son, James, who had a son, Benjamin Braswell of Edgecombe County, who was Permenter's father.]*

1. Ann "Nancy" Braswell married Benjamin Daws.
2. Robert Russell Braswell married Anselana Stringer.
3. Benjamin Braswell married Rhoda Hill by March 9, 1821, daughter of John Hill. He was dead by March 19, 1847, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.
   a. Cynthanetta Braswell was born in 1822. On February 6, 1847, she married Robert Lancaster.
   b. Martha Ann "Patsey" Braswell was born on March 21, 1824. On March 3, 1847, she married David Lancaster, born in 1823.
   c. Milly E. Braswell was born in 1826. On January 8, 1855, she married Reuben Andrews Culpepper, son of William Culpepper of Nash County, who died in 1859. On January 17, 1861, she was married secondly to William Worseley in Nash County by B. L. Curl, J.P.
   d. Benjamin J.G. Braswell was born in 1827. On January 25, 1851, he married Mary E. Hargroves, daughter of Duncan Hargroves and wife Sally Land. She was born in 1830.
   e. Calvin S. "Cally" Braswell was born on July 4, 1828, and died on July 5, 1893. On June 5, 1855, he married Martha Ann Trevathan, daughter of Dempsey Trevathan and wife Elizabeth Sorey. She was born on June 7, 1832, and died on May 29, 1899.
   f. Robert B. Braswell was born on December 23, 1830, and died on August 31, 1896. On March 12, 1850, he married Martha F. Lancaster, daughter of Joseph Lancaster and wife Polly Land, bonded by Cally S. Braswell. She was born on February 11, 1823, and died on July 24, 1900.
      A. Benjamin F. Braswell was born on April 11, 1852, and died on December 31, 1876.
      B. Joanna Y. Braswell was born on August 14, 1853.
      C. Littleberry C. G. Braswell was born on December 13, 1854.
      D. Mary Ann Rhoda Braswell was born on February 22, 1856, and died on April 16, 1934. On November 17, 1880, she married Joseph R. Lane, son of David Lane and wife Lucretia Land. He was born on May 1, 1852, and died on May 4, 1921.
         1. Robert D. Lane was born on May 7, 1884. He married Channie Biggs.
         2. William Joseph Lane was born on April 19, 1886.
      E. John R. Braswell was born on June 22, 1858
      F. Cinthanetta Braswell was born on February 4, 1860.
      G. Bird D. Braswell was born on September 24, 1861.
   g. Richard M. Braswell was born on December 23, 1830, and died on October 25, 1895.

## Minutes November 2000 Meeting

The Wilson County Genealogical Society met November 28, 2000, at the home of Mary Anne Sheak. President Carol Forbes welcomed those present and thanked the Sheaks for permitting us to meet in their home. The library is expected to reopen prior to Christmas, so hopefully we will be able to return to its meeting room for our January meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the November issue of *Trees.* The Treasurer's report stated receipts of $1,372.00, expenditures of $1,404.94, and a checking account balance of $1,308.73, plus a $4,000 CD.

Old Business:

The new officers were installed by reading the responsibilities of their positions.

The new catalogs have been printed, and members were mailed one with their newsletter. More will be mailed to former members, libraries, and previous customers.

Carol Forbes reported on the progress of the Cemetery Finder booklet. She is currently working on a brief history of the county to include.

Henry Powell gave a report on the Founding Families book project. The committee met to assess the family records on file. Many more family histories are needed. Persons were suggested to contact for additional family information. Carol Forbes is preparing a chronological history of the county to include in the book.

Sue Powell shared the progress on the Wilson County Waterways map. She asked for additional information about the streams not identified or corrections of possible errors.

Yearly reports were given summarizing the activities of WCGS during 2000 on (1) the subjects of the Wilson Daily Times "Family Connections" column, (2) programs, (3) newsletter distribution, (4) publications sales, (5) membership, (6) Hugh Johnston records, (7) Wilson County Founding Families. Copies of the reports are attached for the WCGS records.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue E. Powell, Secretary Protem

## Minutes, November 2000 Board Meeting

The Board of Wilson County Genealogical Society met November 1, 2000, with President Carol Forbes presiding. Six board members were present.

Progress of the Wilson County Founding Families book was discussed. Many more family histories are needed.

Making available back issues of *Trees of Wilson* was addressed again. It was decided that they would be made available by volume combining the 1992 and 1993 issues into one volume. That volume and each of the successive years' volumes will be made available for $20.00 each.

Final proofreading of the new Membership and Publications Catalog was completed. As soon as the changes and corrections are made, 500 copies will be printed and distributed to remind or notify persons of what WCGS has to offer researchers on Wilson County family history.

The cost of the reprinting of our books has been steadily increasing until it has become necessary to increase the sales cost of all books. The price of each book will be $30.00 effective with the distribution of the new Membership and Publications Catalog. *They Moved Away* will continue to be available for $15.00.

The funds remaining from the donation to copy the family records of Hugh Johnston have nearly been depleted. It was decided that the project should continue to completion with the necessary funds to be paid from the treasury.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Evans Powell,
secretary pro tem

## Human Origins in Europe

*New information on human populations may have meaning for genealogists at some time in the future.*

A new synthesis of information between genetics, anthropology, and languages suggests the need for a revised view of our ancestral origins as reported at a Cold Springs Harbor (NY) conference in October 2000.

The ongoing project to define the human genetic code (The Genome Project) has shed new light on migration of human populations. DNA studies point to three main migrations into mainland Europe in the past 50,000 years. The first, from the Eastern Mediterranean about 45,000 years ago was by several small groups which have left "relic" populations unrelated to later migrations. Examples include the Basque people of northern Spain, who appear to have a unique language and genome. There are similar groups in northern Siberia and Scandinavia. These probably represent about six percent of the modern human European population.

The second migration, representing about 80 percent of modern humans, occurred between 20,000 and 30,000 years ago. These may have been the Indo-European people who gave us our modern languages, all related to each other. Their origin may have been in or near modern Persia, and many think that the valley of the Tigris River (the Biblical Eden?) was the focal point.

Another ten percent arrived in Europe after the end of the Ice Age, 10,000 years ago, as farmers from the Near East. These settlers spread the principles of agriculture and animal domestication that make our society much the way that it is today. The missing four percent would be wandering tribes who followed no set migration patterns, such as the Celts of eastern Europe who dominated western Europe for nearly 1,000 years and remain as relic populations in Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and Brittany.

Most genetic studies are based on DNA found in mitochondria, cellular "organelles" passed to an offspring only from the mother. An earlier study determined that all human populations could be traced to a single woman who lived perhaps 200,000 years ago. Presumably, all mitochondrial DNA is the same for all humans, and the length of time that subpopulations have been separated can be measured by the rate of mutations or changes in the DNA. Similar results may be obtained for the "Y" chromosome found in all males, but the results indicate an equivalent age for the first man as about 75,000 years ago.

The oldest known human population is possibly the Bushmen of Africa, based on their language which may be the prototype of all other languages.

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# TREES OF WILSON

## *Wilson County's Heritage*

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### President's Message

Welcome to another wonderful issue of ***Trees***, our newsletter. February is the Anniversary Month for the Wilson County Genealogical Society. In celebration of this special occasion, we are planning an open house at the next meeting, February 27, at 7:00 P. M. in the main library. If you are in the Wilson area, drop by and join us. On display will be publications by WCGS for your viewing pleasure. Light refreshments will be served.

We have come a long way since WCGS began February 26, 1991, with 16 founding members. We will show our progress from the earliest beginnings to present day. You are welcome to share in the excitement with us. Looking forward to seeing you there,

Carol M. Forbes
WCGS President.

### Editors' Message

In the past ten years, WCGS has met for 69 times (we were snowed out in January 2000). We have heard talks by about 40 specialists in various topics in genealogy. We have listened to locally written music from Kermit Bass on two occasions. We have had several "show and tell" sessions where members showed off family artifacts, including the eyeglasses of Lord Cornwallis, left behind on his trek to Yorktown and defeat. ***Trees of Wilson*** has produced about 850 pages of family history (early issues were smaller than present). WCGS has published four volumes of cemetery records and a companion cemetery finder, two census volumes, a compilation of residents who moved away, an inventory of estate records found in NC Archives, over 70 volumes of Hugh Johnston family files, and six maps. Whew.

Henry and Sue Powell.

## February 27 WCGS Anniversary Celebration

In February 1991, several local residents with a mutual interest in the history of Wilson County's families banned together to found a new society.

The Wilson County Genealogical Society incorporated itself as a non-profit North Carolina corporation, dedicated to the preservation of records related to these families and to the distribution of these records to others who have similar interests.

The place where this mutual interest was initialized was in a genealogy class offered by the Wilson County Technical College under the instruction of Joan Howell, an Illinois native who had married into a local family and came to Wilson County to settle in her retirement from a teaching career in the Midwest.

The notes from the founding committee have survived in the files of WCGS, and include a list of founding members who include: Katye Alford, John & Jean Anderson, Carroll Arthur, Jeffrey W. Barefoot, Bobby Boykin, Marshall Daniel, Cindy Danielson, Paul Darden, Cherrye Davis, Reese Ferrell, Robert Forbes, Lois Gibson, Frances Glover, Pamela Greene, Joan Howell, Edith Kirby, Deborah Mitchell, NCGS, Sue Powell, Lenore Smith, and Grace Turner.

The Articles of Incorporation and By Laws were prepared by Marshall Daniel, and Reese Ferrell filed the incorporation papers. Joan Howell volunteered to serve as president *pro tem* until elections could be held.

The Society decided to embark upon its first project, a survey of Wilson County cemeteries. Joan again volunteered to head the group, and the first volume was published in 1993. Three more volumes have since been added, with two more planned before the project will be completed.

At the same time, Joan Howell and Reese Ferrell completed abstracts of the 1860 and 1870 Wilson County census records.

***Trees of Wilson*** began as a monthly publication in February 1992 and continues as our version of an official journal of findings related to Wilson County family history. A subscription to ***Trees*** is the primary benefit of membership which now stands at nearly 450 people. About half of these maintain active annual membership. ***Trees*** is found in major genealogical library collections throughout the nation.

Another major project was begun in 1996 when access to the Hugh Johnston files was granted. The project consisted of copying all of the family files prepared by Hugh during his lifetime. There were about 130 files identified and inventoried by Reese Ferrell, and these are being copied, bound, and shelved in the Wilson County Public Library. Sue and Henry Powell have conducted the project which is about 80 percent completed at this time .

Another project was began a year ago with the identification of the founding families of Wilson County. Under the leadership of Marion "Monk" Moore, Mark Whitley, and Sue and Henry Powell, this publication is scheduled to be released in time for the County's 150th Anniversary in 2005.

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## Family Connections • Wilson Daily Times January 16, 2001

**Question:** I was interested to read about Mrs. Hawkins and her boarding house in your December 2000 column. She was my great-grandmother. We would like to know more about her and the Hawkins family. DD, Wilson

Answer: The Hawkins name is found in southern England as far back as 1100. It appears to have begun as a very manly first name for a boy, little hawk or hawk-in to imply boldness and bravery. As surnames came into more common use, first names often became last names. For example, Hawkin, son of Thomas became known as Hawkin Thomas and his son, John, became John Hawkins. Somewhere along the line, the last names became fixed and Hawkins was well known as a surname by 1300.

Our local Hawkins family dates back to the era of the Jamestowne settlement when there was a Thomas Hawkins living at Crowder's Point near James City. Thomas had arrived in 1622 aboard the ship "James". This may be the same Thomas Hawkins born in Plymouth, England, about 1610, son of William Hawkins of Plymouth who died in York County, Virginia, in 1655.

By 1642, there was a Henry Hawkins living downriver in Lower Norfolk County (the present city of Norfolk) with two children, Samuel and Henry. We don't know if there was a connection with the earlier Thomas, but records found of other Hawkin's arrivals in America appear to be all in New England. Henry Hawkins Sr. died in that year and, in 1649, his widow married Edward Lloyd. Lloyd had been warned by the Colonial Governor that he was required to attend services at the Church of England. Lloyd was a Quaker and, objecting to the Governor's edict, sold up and moved to the Wye River area of Maryland. Alice Hawkins Lloyd died soon thereafter, and Edward married again, producing a son whom he named Philemon Lloyd. Young Samuel and Henry Hawkins appear to have been sent back to Norfolk to be raised by a relative but remained in close contact with their stepfamily. Henry Hawkins, in his will, made a bequest to his brother, Philemon Lloyd.

In 1666, there was a Thomas Hawkins living in Rappahannock County, Virginia in the area now called the "Northern Neck", and his descendant, Philemon Hawkins, was living there in 1719. By 1759, there was a Philemon Hawkins living in Granville County, and he also held land in Edgecombe County. There was also land in Edgecombe County owned by Solomon and David Hawkins, identified as being on "Quankie Pocosin".

In 1850, there was a David Hawkins, age 22, working as an overseer on a farm in Lower Edgecombe County. He married Henrietta Ward in 1854, and they had several children, George, Annie, Edgar, John William born 1865, and Emma. The farm became part of Wilson County in 1855. There is an interesting historical note here that Henrietta's Ward family may be descendants of the Norfolk County family who were the guardians of young Henry and Solomon Hawkins in 1650. Those who are familiar with Norfolk will recognize the name "Ward's Corner", which was named for that family.

John William Hawkins married Mary Ellen Clark in 1892. He continued to operate his farm until about 1940 when he and Mary opened a boarding house at 208 Broad Street (now the site of a bank parking lot).

Mary Ellen Clark (1874-1954) was the daughter of William Thomas Clark (1837-1898), of Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, listed in

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## 1792 Petition to Open Contentnea Creek for Navigation

Excerpt from *Early Petitions and Lists of Wilson, North Carolina, 1755-1866*. Compiled by Hugh B. Johnston. (A copy of this unpublished manuscript is shelved in the Wilson County Public Library.)

"The petition of a number of Inhabitants of Nash County, to open the Navigation of Contentnea Creek" was presented in the North Carolina Senate on November 29 and in the House of Commons on November 30, 1792. (Legislative Papers, Senate November 16-30, 1792. L. P. 116)

To the Ornable the General Assemble of the State of North Carolina
Whereas your Humble Petitioners Requests that the ornable assemble will take Into Their Consideration the Navigation of Great Quotankney Creek From Whear It Is opened at James Cobb (Landing) on the Said Creek up to the Fork as the Said Creek would be of Great Benefit and advantage to the Subscribers as also to the Publick at Large on a Count of Boating and Fishing. Wee your humble petitioners Pray that your orneble Body may take the above under your Serious Consideration and Deal by us as your Wisdom Shall then think Fit and wee your Petitioners Shall Ever think our Selves in Duty Bound To Serve you.

William Spicer
Robert Newsom
Jossey Woodward
John Bateman
Garry Simms
John Doudna
David Woodward
Thomas Airs
John Robinson
Jesse Farmer
Asael Farmer
William Prestcot
Michael Williams
Jeremiah Bateman
John Deloach
Charles Laurence
Claborn Spive
John Martin
Nicholls
Joel Dickson, Sener
William Simmn
John Murry, juner
Shadrack Simms
Simon Simms
Asel Brown

(A second and similar copy of the petition added another list of petitioners.)

W$^{m}$. Hunt
Nathan Smith
Francis Boykin
Jesse Roddus (Rogers)
Stephen Grice
Joel Davis
Esaias Bateman
John Cowser (?)
Robin Masingill
Bartholomew Piek (?)
Lott Maund
James Owens
Theophilus Rose
Thos. Wiggins
Henry Massingill
Ebenezer Smith
Thos N. Cartwright
Samuel Deloach
William Braswell
Josiah Swearingham
Nathan Clark
Giddrom (x) Hays
Jacob Lamb
Nathaniel Seet
Benjamin Seet
Wm. Jones
Thomas Brown
David Peelle
Timothy Exell
Averit Farmer
Henry Doudna
John Smith
Benjamin Sims
Joseph Simms
Willis Cale
A. Walke
Isom Watson
Samuel Nersworthy

## 1792 Don't Open Contentnea Creek Petition

Excerpt from *Early Petitions and Lists of Wilson, North Carolina, 1755-1866*. Compiled by Hugh B. Johnston. (A copy of this unpublished manuscript is shelved in the Wilson County Public Library.)

To The Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina
The Petition of Sundry inhabitants of the State of North Carolina suscbribed humbly Sheweth that they are informed a petition will be presented to the next General Assembly for the purpose of opening Contentnea Creek from Cobbs Landing to the fork thereof. Your petitioners further sheweth that there is three water Grist mills erected across the said Creek Between the said Landing and fork the lowest of which has been standing upwards of twenty Years uninterrupted and which mills are of the Greatest benefit to the inhabitants in General. Your petitioners further Sheweth and represent that at the lowest mill across the said Creek there is a very considerable falls, and cannot be made navigable above the same, as the smallness and the shortness of the said Creek above the falls and many inconveniences renders a navigation above the said falls intirely impracticable, and would tend to the Great injury inconvenience and burthen to the inhabitants in General the distance from the lowest mill to the upper is about Ten miles-----your petitioners Therefore humbly pray that no Act of Assembly may be passed that will tend in anywise to injure the said mills further than to open a passage for fish in the fish season and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c----July A. D. 1792

Elisha Grimes
Joseph Daniel
Absalom Bruce
Levi Daniel
William Robertson
John Reason
Josiah Talton
Jesse Amison
Aziel Bruce
Lemmon Barnes
Josiah Amason
John Marchment
Edm$^{d}$. Tarkelling (?)
Hez Cartwright
John Chester
Eli Amason
John Barnhill
Nich$^{s}$ Thorn
Jesse Pitman
Sam Pitman
Joseph Farmer
Tho$^{s}$. Brand
Benjamin White
Hardy Todd, Jr.
Elias Horn
Jacob Lamb, Jr.
Francis Hillard
Edward Hood, Sr.
Jacob Barnes
Jesse Barnes
Frederick Lamb
Isaac Daniel
Jacob Barnes (2)
Isom Evins
Benjamin Cook
William Prescot
David Daniell
Lemuel Daniel
Samuel Brothers
John Stuckey
Edmund Stuckey
Jacob Dickinson
Jesse Low
Wilson Harrell
John Bartee
Abner Eason
Aziel Barnes
Nathan Baggett
John Woodard
James Bateman
James Stanton
Cyprian Mayo
John Amason
Benj$^{h}$. Johnston

## GRIST MILLS, NOW THING OF PAST, HAD HEYDAY IN EARLY HISTORY,

**Always Located Beside Flowing Water**, by Hugh Johnston
From the Wilson Daily Times, July 2, 1976

In the old days, corn bread and bacon were two food staples seldom absent from the tables of our ancestors. Since water provided the only available power for machinery, and was also fairly slow in its operation, grist mills were established little by little in all the strategic locations in this area for the purpose of supplying this unending demand for cornmeal. Large over-shot or under-shot wheels were used in the early mill-races to transform the flowing water into mechanical power. At a much later period the millers secured metal turbines to provide the necessary energy. The demand for flour was much smaller, and only a few milling establishments carried the fine-cut and carefully adjusted stones suitable for grinding wheat.

**Obtain Permission**

Most prospective mill-owners sought permission from the county court, particularly when another person owned land on the opposite side of the stream that would be damned [sic] . The court would then appoint a jury to look over the site and decide on the damages payable to the other property owner for his part of the land to be flooded. Although some locations used were not especially suitable, the dam-site was usually at a narrow point in the stream valley. Most of the dams were constructed of earth moved by men and carts, with a timbered spillway in the middle. (The reinforced concrete dams and spillways are fairly modern innovations.) All the old ones were of the now unique type still in use at Finch's Mill, about four miles from Wilson on Route 264 W.

**Skilled Services**

The former activity in the water mill business required the skilled services of the professional millwright. He handled everything from the construction of the water-wheel to the more precise setting and adjusting the upper and nether millstones. Gears, wheels, and shafts could be made of hardwoods, but the large stones had to be quarried and shaped from the living rock. There was apparently such a quarry in Wilson County, for there is a small stream called Millstone Creek that flows into Bloomery Swamp about two miles N. W. of Finch's Mill.

It was doubtedly [sic] to this location John (J) Driver of Nash County referred on December 26, 1795, when he sold Benjamin Cobb for $25.00 in silver coins "one certain Quarry of Mill Stone Rock lying in a certain Trak of Land that said Cobb sold unto the said Driver and said Rock lies close to the Rock called the flat Rock and by Moses Smelley Plantation and where Joseph Woodell cut mill stones for said Cobb," witnessed by Drury Williams and Micajah (x) Bailey.

The social aspects of the old water mills were not inconsiderable. Practically everybody went to mill from time to time and exchanged conversation with the miller and any other customers who happened to be present. The water wheels were notoriously slow, but they produced unsurpassed meal while providing the farmer with abundant time for talk. Crops, religion, and politics shared honors with homelier domestic items. In the days of slow transportation, few books, and no newspapers, the educated as well as the illiterate classes found much of their intellectual entertainment in going to mill, to church, and occasionally to Stantonsburg where "boughten" merchandise arrived on shallow-draft boats from the coast.

**Many Followed**

The first water mill undoubtedly made its appearance soon after the real settlement of the present Wilson County began. Many others followed. The names of some of them may yet be determined, while eroded and tree-grown ruins of earthen dams in many places indicate the former existence there of mills long since forgotten. A few are conveniently situated near modern roads, and others are surrounded by woods or otherwise in seemingly unusual or inaccessible locations. This is due partly to the shifting of the population and partly to the changes in roads and traffic movement.

Dew's Mill on Toisnot Swamp may have been the first mill in Wilson County, although there may be an older location on Contentnea Creek or another of its tributaries.

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the census as a boot and shoemaker in Wilson in 1880. Her mother was Bettie Johnson Clark (1848-1906). They lived on Vance Street.

Other Clark children were James J.(1865-1925) and William Thomas (1867-1939). William Thomas (W.T.) Clark, lived, with his wife Mary Howard of Tarboro, at 201 W. Nash Street. W.T. was a tobacconist, warehouse owner, a strongly civic-minded individual, and one of the founders of Mercy Hospital. Their only daughter, Mary Romaine, married David Warren Woodard, a descendant of John Woodard (1695-1765), the founder of this family in our area. W.T. and his brother also owned a livery stable and livestock business on Goldsboro Street at Barnes Street. James Clark and his wife, Susan Wood (1875-1959) lived on Pine Street, directly behind W.T. and Mary Clark, and around the corner from John and Mary Hawkins.

John and Mary Hawkins had at least four children, Charlie, Sallie, Annie, and Thomas. Birth records were not kept in North Carolina until late in 1913 so it can be difficult to identify members of a family before that time.

This information certainly does not give a complete history of the family. Such is the nature of genealogy. It is a personal pursuit, which can best be accomplished by the persons who want to know about their families. Our local library, open again at last , has a wealth of information on local families. The genealogy and local history room, located at the back of the magazine section, can provide some answers to just about any question. It will take a lot more research to pull together this Hawkins family story completely, and we encourage you to pick up from here and go forward.

Report prepared by Henry & Sue Powell

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John Lott patented the property on March 22, 1742-43, but sold it later to Nathaniel Hickman of Edgecombe County who apparently established the mill. On August 6, 1751, John Dew, Esquire, of Northampton County, paid Hickman £65 current Virginia money for three hundred acres of land "with a Grist Mill" North of Tosneot, witnessed by Thomas (x) Horn and Thomas (x) Robbins. On February 23, 1758, Labarus [sic] Pope was named Overseer of "the Road from Tar River to Dew's Mill."

Although there had been a petition for a bridge across the swamp at the mill as early as 1759, it was not until November 30, 1769, that Arthur Dew, Dempsey Dawson and Jesse Green were ordered to "Build a Bridge over Tosneot at Dew's Mill and to keep the same in Repair." The sections of the old road nearest the bridge were usually referred to as Dew's Road. The Dew's Mill property subsequently passed into the Farmer family, and was finally purchased by General Joshua Barnes. Now known generally as Barnes' Mill, the location about two and one-half miles North of Wilson is distinguished only by the imperfect remains of a fairly modern concrete dam. [Editor: this is now Lake Wilson.]

**Mill Sites**

Mooneyham's Mill once stood on Mooneyham's Mill Branch in the extreme western area of Wilson County, in Oldfield Township, about seven miles south of Bailey and one mile south of the Bunn Public Road. It is now [not?] known when Thomas Mooneyham built his mill, but on November 19, 1789, Charles Carter of Nash County sold Nathan Cobb of Wayne County for £100 in specie his home plantation of 150 acres on both side of Contentnea Creek, witnessed by Edward Hood and Stephen Cobb.

Devaughan's Mill was probably in Oldfields Township. On February 24, 1800, Thomas (x) Monneyham deeded Samuel Devaughan for £3 current money one acre in Nash County "joining the s$^{d}$. Saml. Devaughan's Mill seat for the use of s$^{d}$. Mill," witnessed by Henry Lewis and Gudea (x) Monneyham. On May 17, 1860, Guilford (x) Ricks deeded Bennett Bullock for $336.00 a tract of 112 acres adjoining "Devaun's Mill Branch at Mabre Hinton's corner," Hilliard Boykin and Henry Stott, witnessed by Nathan Peele and John B. High.

Wood's Mill dates back to May 23, 1797, when Moses Rountree, Benjamin Farmer, Isaac Farmer, and John Dowdna were
appointed to lay off the premises for a "water Grist mill" for Daniel Wood on Hominy Swamp, including some land on William
White's side.

Gardner's Mill had existed considerably earlier than January 30, 1788, when Martin Gardner and Edward Pittman "have leave to build a Grist Mill over Gardner's Mill Swamp at the place Gardner's mill formerly stood."

White's Mill dated from William White's application of May 25, 1800, to establish a mill on Little Swamp affecting the land belonging to the orphans Thomas Thorne and Martin Thorne, whose guardian was Lemuel Daniel. It is probable that this was the place operated later as Thorne's Mill by Martin Thorne (17-84- 1875) [sic] . [1784-1875] The remains of the old dam are still visible west of the bridge over White Swamp. The site can be reached by going on Route 42 about 6.5 miles from the County courthouse, and then about two miles on a right angle to the left.

**Silver Lake**

Farmer's Mill, now the property of the Wilson Wild Life Club, apparently dates earlier than June 9, 1802, when Duncan Dew deeded it to Patsey Dew. When the estate of Jonathan Dew of Nash County was divided in November of 1846, Lot 1 went to Jonathan Dew, Jr., and consisted of the mill and pond of about two acres north and sistee [sic] acres south of Toisnot Swamp. The latter sold it to Alfred Thompson on August 28, 1847. The next owner was William Taylor who sold it to Wiley W. Farmer in February of 1871. Farmer sold it to Roscoe G. Briggs in 1907. Briggs sold it to the Wilson County Milling - Mercantile Company in 1922, receiver Thomas H. Woodard transferred it to Ed and Etta B. Lamm in 1933, and they assigned it to trustee Larry I. Moore Jr., in 1935. In the middle and late 1920s, "Silver Lake" was considerably developed and extremely popular as a pleasure resort.

Barnes Mill on Hominy Swamp began with a petition to the Edgecombe County court on November 25, 1801, and the site was laid off by Benjamin Farmer, John Doudna, Benjamin Simms, and William White, Sr., the last owning land that would be affected by the pond. James Barnes made his will on March 12, 1805, and left "my mill on Hominy Swamp" to his son Bryant Barnes.

Tarte's Mill apparently stood on Bear Branch not far from Toisnot Swamp on what is now known as the Bynum Place, as the remains of the old dam are still in evidence there. The Tartes left Gardner's Township long before the Civil War so it has probably been a hundred years since the mill was in operation. On March 19, 1891, Frank W. and Mattie Bynum Barnes for $45.00 sold Mary J. Thomas, wife of William H. Thomas, all of Mattie Barnes' land "at or near the old Enos Tarte Mill situated on the north side of the ditch running up the said Tarte mill to the ditch line containing about 2 (two) acres." in exchange for one-eighth of an acre south of said ditch.

**Revolutionary Mill**

Wiggins Mill dates back to the Revolutionary period. Captain Stephen Cobb was the owner at that time. On May 5, 1781, Lord Cornwallis wrote Tarleton that he hoped to get 1,500 pounds of meal ground there within twenty-four hours; on May 8 Cornwallis was near Viverett's Mill north of Lamon's Ferry over Tar River and instructed [Tarleton to meet him there or at Cobb's Mill in case it seemed better for them to return to Wilmington.]

On July 4, 1860, the will of Bartley Deans Sr. of Wilson County directed that 150 acres "on the South side of Contentnea Creek at the Bridge and Hadley's Mill" be sold to settle his estate. The location was known as Brefoot's [Barefoot's?] Mill about the turn of the century, but was afterward purchased by J. T. Wiggins from whom it derived its present name. At the end of the First World War the north shore of the lake a little above the dam was an extremely popular local resort for swimming, boating, and picnics. The recreational developments at Silver Lake after 1922 proved so attractive that the Wiggins Mill Park was turned over to colored [vacationers for several years and then went completely out of

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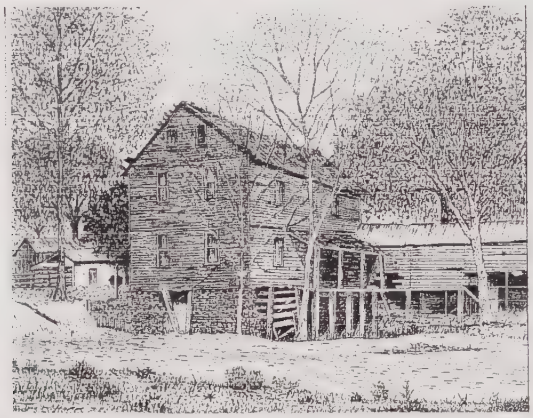
business.]

Boykin's Mill, apparently in Oldfield Township, was known as early as October 18, 1834, when Alsey Boykin deeded Needham Bailey for Irvin Boykin's Mill Branch, in Nash County witnessed by Jacob Fulghum and Cornelius Sullivant.

Horn's Mill was at the location on Contentnea Creek now known as Flowers' Mill near Rock Ridge. Additional research would undoubtedly give it a history prior to February 9, 1797, when Henry Horn of Wayne County deeded to son Thomas Horne of Wayne for love a track [sic] of land north of Contentnea Creek in Nash County adjoining the "upper end of William Row Oldfield about the old mill on the Creek bank," Great Branch, and Cornelius Sanders, witnessed by William (x) Row and James Broadstreet. On February 17, 1811, Nesse Newby sold Thomas Horn for $125 his half-interest in the grist and saw mills "commonly called Horn's Mills" on the Nash County side of Contentnea Creek. On August 11, 1815, William Horn sold Thomas Horn for $150 the above interest which he appears to have bought under a deed of trust, witnessed by Hardy Horn and Amos E. Cobb.



Flower's Mill from ***Rock Ridge: A Brief History*** by Mary Miller. Illustration by John R. Harriss.

**Other Sites**

Williams' Mill was in the 1850s operated by Colonel Davis Williams near the extreme northeastern corner of Wilson County. The Act of the General Assembly that formed Wilson County in 1855 directed that the line dividing it from Edgecombe County would run from Town Creek up Colonel Williams' Mill Branch to the Mill before diverging northwestward to Sharpsburg.

Finch's Mill was established many years ago where N.C. 264 crosses Bloomery Swamp, and is one of the few places in Wilson County where one can still carry his corn and get old-fashioned water-ground meal. [Editor: the mill is now gone but the dam remains.]

Lamm's Mill was once a considerable establishment, but there is nothing at the site now except a concrete mill-race and the ruins of an extensive earthen dam. This site was occupied before the end of the Revolutionary War by the bloomery (iron works) that gave Bloomery Swamp its name, and it is a little west of the bridge on the road from Lamm's Crossroads to Buckhorn and the location of the Old Iron Mine.

Transcribed by Barbara Broman

## A True and Perfect List of the Soldiers Commanded by Capt. Samuel Cotton in Northampton [after 1748]

Thos. Cotton, Lieutenant
John Cotton, Ensign
Elias Wills, Sergeant
Demcy Hunter, Corporal
John Rutland, Corporal
Thos. Cotton, Jr., Drummer

Jessy Daughtry
John Perker
Israel Campbell
Abraham Bagget
James Boyd
Simon West, Jr.
John Serwest
Wm. Bryant
Bryant Daughtry
Thos. Willson
John Daughtry
Joshua Daughtry
Alexander Daughtry
Samuel Daughtry
Michael Counsel
Isaac Parker
Richard Summer
Francis Beaman
Arthur Bryant
Mathew Mashbern
Matther Mashbern, Jr.
James Mashbern
Edward Mashbern
John Dickinson
Daniel Dickinson
John Dickinson, Jr.
Joel Dickinson
Charles Cotton
James Rutland
James Rutland, Jr.
John Peelle
Samuel _____
Job Pelton
Thos. Hornes
Josiah Peelle
Wm. Rutland
John Glass
Maurice Merate
Joseph Bridges
John Sherrod
David Rice

Thos. Hunter
Josiah Hunter
Edward Rutland
Thos. Deans
Henry Glisson
Robert Peelle
Robert Peelle, Jr.
Wm. Lancaster
Isaac Dickinson
Wm. Driver
Wm. Granbery
James Fryer
Thos. Sanders
James Butler
Isaac Fryer
Samuel Daughtry
Wm. Campbell
James Wright
Barneby Bagget
George Hutcherson
John Hobbes
Thos. Hussey
Wm. Sanders
Wm. Davice
Jonathan Robertson
Nicholas Bagget
Stephen Boyt
Thos. Brooks
George Bryant
James Bryant, Jr.
Henry Hart
Charles Counsel
John Acre
Edward Brown
Esau Dickinson
Henry Hunter
Wm. Fetten
Hosea Crewsum
Wm. Duffield
Arther Raske

Abstracted from the original at N. C. State Archives
By Joel S. Russell
Contributed by
Joshua Joyner Stanton, Jr.

[Editor: many of these families later emigrated to Edgecombe County, part of which later became Wilson County.]

## Martha White Perry
### from the Hugh B. Johnston files

Martha White Perry, daughter of Temperance Dawson and husband Thomas Perry, was born on December 16, 1842, in Franklin County, and died on September 11, 1895, in Wilson, North Carolina. On June 9, 1864, in Wilson, she married Kinsey Hyman Winstead, son of Dempsey Winstead and wife Kate Vick of Nash County. He was born in Nash County on April 20, 1833, and died in Wilson on December 25, 1881. They were buried in the old White graveyard on the western outskirts of Wilson.

When the Census of Wilson County was taken on July 10, 1860, K. H. Winstead was living with Levy Bryant at Joyner's Post Office and was a merchant worth $8,000.00. On June 10, 1861, he enlisted with the rank of Second Sergeant in Company E, Nineteenth North Carolina (Calvary) Regiment, Confederate States Army (Walter Clark, *Histories of The Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in The Great War 1861-65* (Goldsboro, North Carolina, 1901), II, 89.). He became Second Lieutenant on May __, 1862, and First Lieutenant on June 1, 1863. He resigned in 1863. He became a prominent businessman of Wilson, and in 1880 was elected sheriff of Wilson County. He was a Mason, Oddfellow, and Methodist.

On March 12, 1863, Mrs. Nancy Habarger and David W. Barnes as trustee sold K. H. Winstead and D. L. Hardy for $1,000.00 a half-acre lot at Joyner's Depot west of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad and N.E. side of the County Road, using W. G. Sharpe's gate post for one corner, witnessed by W. W. Flowers and Jacob H. Barnes (Wilson County, North Carolina, Deed Book 1, p. 848). On January 1, 1864, David L. Hardy sold Kinsey H. Winstead for $1,600.00 a tract of 200 acres west of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, north of Asael Farmer's mill pond and mill swamp, bonded by Jacob H. Barnes and Thomas G. Dixon, witnessed by William D. Farmer (Deed Book 3, 482).

On October 20, 1864, Flowers L. Winstead of Beaufort County sold Kinsey H. Winstead of Wilson County for $1,000.00 a tract of 174 acres adjoining Harris Winstead, Willis Williams, south side of Dye Flower Prong of Town Creek, Jeremiah Winstead, to the Old County Line, and south with it to a small branch, witnessed by D. L. Hardy and B. F. Godby (Deed Book 1, 918). On October 24, 1864, Kinsey H. Winstead sold David L. Hardy for $1,000.00 the 174 acres "Isom Parker tract" described above, witnessed by S. M. Warren and W. D. Farmer (Deed Book 1, 918).

On November 2, 1865, Kinchen Harrell sold W. W. Winstead, D. L. Hardy, and K. H. Winstead for $600.00 a lot in the Town of Wilson, one-third of an acre representing 25 feet of frontage on Goldsboro Street and running back sixty feet bounded by three lines of W. G. Jordan, witnessed by G. W. Blount (Deed Book 2, 701). On December 5, 1865, W. W. Winstead sold K. H. Winstead and D. L. Hardy for $200.00 his interest in the preceding lot of one-third of an acre, witnessed by W. E. Winstead and P. M. Briggs (Deed Book 2, 702).

On December 5, 1865, W. W. Winstead sold K. R. Winstead and D. L. Hardy of Wilson County for $550.00 the Minshew lot of 3,800 square feet, beginning at Nash or Plank Road Street (52 feet from the corner of Goldsboro and Nash), with Nash towards Parker & Murray's Coach Shop 40 feet, perpendicular to Nash 95 feet, parallel with Nash towards Goldsboro Street 40 feet, and 95 feet to the beginning, witnessed by W. E. Winstead and P. M. Briggs (Deed Book 2, 699). On November 15, 1866, W. E. Winstead sold K. H. Winstead for $500.00 a half-acre lot on Tarboro Street in Wilson adjoining Miss Crafton and Wainwright, witnessed by Alex Winstead (Deed Book 2, 412).

On September 15, 1867, K. H. and Martha Winstead sold Lemmon Tabon for $600.00 the half-acre lot adjoining Miss Crafton, witnessed by John J. Bryan (Deed Book 2, 413). On December 30, 1867, Kinsey H. Winstead and David L. Hardy (David L. Hardy & Co. of Joyner's Depot; Winstead & Hardy of Wilson) authorized Willie W. Winstead to collect all their credits, etc., and to settle all their debts (the names and amounts are listed in the original record) on: (1) store house and lot with 40 feet of frontage and 90 feet deep on Nash Street in Wilson adjoining J. G. Thomas & Bro., George Howard, etc.: (2) lot 24 feet by 60 feet on Goldsboro Street adjoining Jennings Piggott, etc.; (3) half-acre lot at Joyner's Depot adjoining the late W. G. Sharp; and (4) all stock, accounts current, etc.; witnessed by George W. Blount (Deed Book 2, 235-238).

On February 16, 1870, K. H. Winstead gave a crop lien for 1870 to Weisenfeld, Stern & Co., of Baltimore, and mortgaged a plantation near Wilson adjoining M. J. Edwards, a black horse, and three mules, witnessed by James W. Davis (Deed Book 2-3, 67-68). In March, 1880, William T. and Amanda Taylor of Nash County sold Kinsey H. Winstead of Wilson for $14.00 a tract of 75 acres in Taylor's Township bounded by Willie W. Farmer and C. F. Finch, it "being the tract formerly owned by William White" (Deed Book 16, 366). On November 18, 1881, B. H. and Nancy Bardin sold K. H. Winstead for $200.00 a tract of 10½ acres in Wilson Township adjoining W. J. Bullock, H. G. Whitehead, Wilson-Raleigh Road, ditch, and said Bardin (Deed Book 18, 553). On December 14, 1881, S. M. and Nannie B. Clark sold K. L. Winstead for $510.00 a tract of 51 acres in Wilson Township adjoining said Winstead, said Clark, Cornelius Jordan heirs, Barnes Daniel, branch and fork, witnessed by S. B. Dew (Deed Book 18, 109).

On March 31, 1883, Jordan (x) and Louiza (x) Winstead sold Martha Winstead for $600.00 a tract of 40 acres adjoining John D. Wells, W. H. Winstead, William H. Langley, canal, and road, witnessed by W. W. Flowers (Deed Book 20, 23). On December 27, 1883, George W. Blount, administrator of K. H. Winstead, sold J. G. Rawls for $266.00 a tract of 10½ acres on the Raleigh Road adjoining Nancy Sugg, H. G. Whitehead, H. G. Conner, and J. G. Rawls, witnessed by J. R. Rawls (Deed Book 21, 34). On February 11, 1889, Mrs. Martha Winstead sold L. D. Dew, K. H Watson, and L. D. W. Barnes, "School Committee of School District No. 3 for White Children, "a half-acre in Wilson Township north of the Wilson-Raleigh Road adjoining Barnes Daniel, deceased, and said Winstead, witnessed by Richard Winstead.

On November 11, 1895, Theophilus Barnes, J. H. Watson, and S. B. Daniel, Commissioners, divided the Winstead land

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(valued at $7,000.00) among the seven heirs; (1) Richard Winstead, 42 6/10 acres bounded by the road, Daniel, Whitehead, Connor, and a branch; (2) Giles Winstead, 55½ acres bounded by the fork of the road, the new road, and Daniel; plus 15 1/5 acres bounded by Connor and Daniel; (3) Azelia Winstead, 37¾ acres bounded by the Wilson Road, Daniel, the new road, and the fork; plus 10 acres bounded by Daniel; (4) Cleopatra Winstead, one acre on the Wilson Road, 39¾ acres bounded by the Wilson Road and Daniel, and 10 acres bounded by Daniel; (5) Jennie Garris, 56 2/5 acres bounded by the Wilson Road, a path, and Connor; (6) Frank Winstead, 52 6/10 acres bounded by a ditch, path, Connor, a branch, and Daniel; and (7) Albert Winstead, 73 9/10 acres bounded by the Wilson Road, Farmer, Daniel, and a ditch. J. W. Taylor was the Surveyor, and Thomas Perry and George Amerson were sworn Chainbearers (Deed Book 42, 350-353).

Children of Kinsey and Martha Winstead:

1. Frank Winstead was born on July 9, 1865, and died on May 1, 1897.
2. Kate Winstead was born on March 18, 1867, and died on November 16, 1872.
3. Richard Winstead was born on December 8, 1868.
4. Jennie Winstead was born on October 18, 1870, died on December 20, 1947. On June 27, 1894, she married Berry Stokes Garris (b. June 2, 1873).
5. Azelia "Zell" Winstead was born on February 8, 1872, and died unmarried on May 12, 1953.
6. Albert Winstead was born on October 13, 1873, and died on January 20, 1911.
7. Cleopatra "Clee" Winstead was born on August 31, 1875, died on January 11, 1956, and never married.
8. Kinsey Giles Winstead was born on August 14, 1878, and died on March 10, 1941. On May 20, 1916, he married Allie Parsons. She was born on July 16, 1888, and died on April 22, 1943.
9. Infant Winstead was born on September 6, 1880, and died on September 8, 1880.

## THIS MY LAST WILL & TESTAMENT
## DAVID WINBORNE

Contributed by Pat Nelson

In the name of God amen.

I David Winborne of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being low in boddy but in sound disposure of memory thanks the Lord for his mercy do know that it is appointed once for men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first I commit my spirit to God that give it and my boddy to the dust from whene it was taken to be buried in a christain like manner. Next to that it is my desire that all my natural debts that I leave unsettled at my death should be paid as soon as convenient.

Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Isly Winborne one feather bead bedstead and furniture, one blue chest, one cow and calf, one yearling, two sows and pigs, five head of sheep, two ? tables and all the water vessels belonging to this house hold and I further give her five dollars in money and it is my desire, that my wife, together with my executor call upon some five judicious husbandmen, of good judgement to asist them in laying off unto my beloved wife and her family out off the crop and stock on hand one years provision.

Beside the property given I now lend to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood, the following property Viz.--one cow and calf, one yoke of work steers and cart and wheels, one horse or mare, her own choice out of my stock of horses, one folding Walnut table. I also lend her one loam and ?Geor and one wheel and carts, one dutch oven two pots (turn over)
Further more I lend her that track of land whereon I live seperate from the land I bought of Hardy Pridgen together with my gristmill with all the appertanance there unto belonging. I also lend to my wife two negroes, one by the name of Ben, one by the name of Jacob, neverthless the ?nature of the loan of the last peaces of property mentioned is such as necesity render it so with the consent of my wife my executor may sell either part or all of last the peaces of property mentioned nevertheless if such sale should be affected in my wifes single life time, she is to be entitled to one seventh part of the neat process of such sale therefore the loan is such as not to prevent my son John I from making any sort of improvment on the land so as not to interfere with the farm of his mother.

the following estimated amount of next five ligacies which I have given in advance in which there may be some very small incorrectness as it repects the precise amount mentioned some may be a little more and some a little less but for my own satistaction and for the nearest approach to justice that I can come I have estimated them all at five hundred dollars each.

I have given unto my beloved son James Winborne in land and other property $500 to him and his heirs forever. I have

given unto my beloved son son Josiah Winborn in land and other property five hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

I have given unto my beloved son Ivy J. Winborne in land and other property five hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

I have given to my beloved son David Winborne in land and other property five hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

I have given unto my beloved daughter Melany Beezzell in land and other property five hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

unto my beloved son William Winborne beside what I have given him already I now give him in money three hundred and seventy dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Unto my beloved daughter Nancy Williams besides what I have given her I now give her in money four hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever unto my beloved daughter Mary ?Winborne besides what I have given her I now give her in money four hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

I now give unto my duaghter Eliza(beth) Winborne, one feather bead, bedstid and furniture, one hunting saddle and four hundred and sixty three dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

I now give unto my daughter Martha A. Winborne one featherbed stid and furniture and four hundred and seventy five dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

I now give unto my beloved son John I Winborn, a filly called the Joyner filly and saddle, one shot gun, all my cooper shop and tools, one tract of land I bought of Hardy Pridgen, I give to him at my death and all the land whereon I live and the gristmill with all the appertonancesis thereunto belonging at his mothers marriage or death.

I now give unto my beloved daughter Isly Jane Winborne one featherbed stid and furniture and four hundred and seventy five dollars in money to her and her heirs forever for it is my desire that if the first sales should be found dificent in raising money forlall the at legacies Mary Eliza C. Martha A & Isly Jane for it is my desire that the four legatees mentioned should devide or shear the overplus after paying William and Nancy their lagacies. It is also my desire that when ever the loan property comes into market that after suppling the deficincy of the leg ies last mentioned that the surplus left if any should be equally between my son Josiah and the heirs of my son Ivy I.? Winborne and Melany Beezzell and my daughter Mary and my son David and my daugher Eliza C. and my daugher Martha A. and my son John I and my daughter Isly Jane. I also do ordain and appoint my son Josiah Winborne my whole and sole executor to execute this my last will and testament and it is my desire that all the residue of my property not given away or loaned in this will should be sold with the exceptions of my religious books.

and I do hereby revoke make null and void all other wills by me made heretofore this being my last will and only will. Where unto I now set my hand and affix my seal this the 8th day December in the year of our Lord 1847 in the presence of us.
D. Winborn .... Seal

William Hares
Mintan M. Godwin

State of North Carolina Court of Please and Quarter Session Nash County
February Term 1848

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Winborn decd is offered for probate and duly proven in open court on oath by the subcribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded

Attest F.M. Taylor BBB
and is recorded Attest F.M. Taylor BBB

# WILL OF JOSIAH WINBORN

Contributed by Pat Nelson

In the Name of God Amen

I Josiah Winborn of the county of Nash and the state of North Carolina being sick and weak of body yet of sound sence and memory thanks be to god. For the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is once apointed for all men acc? to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First and princibly, I give and recommend my soul in the hands of God that give it and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my excecutor here after named and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, secondly all my lawful debts to be paid.

Item I give and bequethe to my beloved wife Feriby Winborn, the use of the feather bed that I now lay on, one bay horse called Bolton, one fourth part of my stock of cattle and hogs during her natural life or widdowhood and after her death or widdowhood to be equally divided between Sarah, Abraham & Feriby my children to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Abraham and Sarah Winborn, my daughter, three hundred acres of land to be equally devided between themselves it being the land whereon I formerly lived at the Crain Pond and on the south side of the Beaverdam Branch adjoining to Ken to line to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Winborn, one hundred and fifty acres of land better same more or less bounded as followeth beginning in the fork of the Beaverdam and Cattail Branch running up the Cattail to a sweetgum standing in the mouth of a small branch thence by a line of marked trees to a pine in the head line to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeth to my beloved son David Winborn, the land and the plantation whereon I now live, exclusive of the land given to my son John from the same tract, preserving to Sarah Winborn her part of this land and plantation during her madenhood after that to return to David Winborn, him and his heirs forever also the tract of land containing of three hundred acres lying between this line and Mr Johnson to David Winborn, him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizebeth Winborn one feather bed and furniture whereon she is used to lay, two cows and calves and one sow and pigs to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Winborn one gray mare called Harrad and one horse coult two cows and calves and one fourth part of my stock of hogs and one fourth part of my stock of cattle two cows and calves excepted for Josiah Winborn and one fourth part of my house hold goods to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Winborn two sows and pigs his own choice out of my stock of hogs to him and his heirs forever.

Item my desire is that my beloved daughter Sarah Winborn and my three beloved sons Abraham and John & David may have the care of my beloved son Josiah Winborn during his natural life. I also lend unto my beloved son Josiah Winborn during his natural life under the care of the four persons above mentioned the following articles to support him on that is to say two cows and calves preserved before one fourth part of the remandor of my stock of cattle and all the remaining part of my stock of hogs not mentioned before and one fourth part of my house hold goods not mentioned before and after his death to be equally divided between my four children above mentioned to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daugher Feriby Winborn one black mare called Blaze and one fourth part of my house hold good to be taken out before Josiah has his part out, and one fourth part of my stock of cattle and hogs to her and her heirs for ever

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my beloved sons Abraham Winborn, John Winborn & David Win born executors of this my last will and testament alowing this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal. This twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and ninty four.

sign sealed and published
in presence of us Josiah (x His mark) Winborn Seal

Wilson Taylor
Matthew Johnson
Wiley Hopkins
Pusullar Johnston

Josiah Winborns Will Nov Ct. 1798 recorded

Nash County - November court 1798. The foregoing will was exhibited in open court and an motion ordered to be recorded and is registered as obedience to the above order setteth.
Atteste, Wm. Hallcele

## Minutes January 25, 2001

The Wilson County Genealogical Society met January 23, 2001, at the Wilson County Public Library. President Carol Forbes welcomed everyone. She expressed thanks to Mary Anne Sheak and her husband for opening their home to us for the social and regular meetings while the library was closed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were printed in January issue of ***Trees*** . There being no corrections, they were approved.

There was no official Treasurer's report. Treasurer Henry Powell announced that a good response to the new catalog has kept him busy with orders and is very encouraging.

President Carol Forbes gave progress reports on Cemetery Book III reprinting and asked for help with details of Founding Families to be included in an upcoming book.

In new business it was brought up before the group to purchase Dr. Bruce Pruitt's books. A motion made by Brenda Thorne was seconded by Joan Howell and carried.

In other business Henry Powell reported over $1,000 donated to help finish the copying of Hugh Johnston files.

Sue Powell read an item from the High Point Library news complimenting WCGS and Lisa Henderson for her Draft Registration lists which have been published in Trees.

Dr. Bruce Pruitt, speaker, talked about North Carolina Military bounty land warrants in Tennessee and some of the pitfalls encountered by genealogical researchers, giving examples of several.

Dr. Pruitt is the author of three books on North Carolina Military land warrants, forty-nine books on North Carolina land entrees/claims, two books on entries/claims in Tennessee, six books on North Carolina county deeds and six other books on N. C. land records.

The meeting was adjoined.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenore Smith, Secretary

## Financial Report 2000

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| **Balance January 1** | **10,374.82** |
| Income | |
| Contributions | 552.41 |
| Johnston copies | 214.85 |
| Dues | 2,297.35 |
| Interest | 151.10 |
| Misc. inc. | 48.35 |
| Publications inc. | 2,449.69 |
| **Total Income** | **17,303.10** |
| Expenses | |
| Bank charges | 142.76 |
| Internet service | 296.25 |
| Inventory adjustment | 811.38 |
| Office supplies | 132.52 |
| Miscellaneous | 46.67 |
| Postage & Delivery | |
| Book postage | 145.77 |
| Newsletter postge | 473.81 |
| Office postage | 127.94 |
| Printing & copying | |
| Cemetery III reprint | 1,839.21 |
| HBJohnston project | 4,337.78 |
| Newletter printing | 1,760.53 |
| They Moved ... reprint | 764.50 |
| Repairs | 361.32 |
| Sales tax paid | 111.49 |
| **Total Expenses** | **11,267.71** |
| **Balance December 31** | **5,988.72** |

**Treasurer's Notes:** The most significant expenditures for the year 2000 were payments to a temporary agency for the services of a clerk to make copies of the Hugh Johnston records. Funds for this were provided through a generous gift in 1999. Publications sales continued to be strong, and it was necessary to reprint two volumes. The increasing cost of reprints has resulted in an increase in the selling price for our larger books (Cemeteries and Census). We added two new titles during the year, both available with a donation to the Society (Estates Inventory and Cemetery Finder). Membership continues to increase. One final item to be mentioned is book inventory. We attempted to reconcile sales against stock on hand and found it necessary to adjust balances.

## Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members in the spring of each year.

## Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com
Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted. Queries from non-members will be forwarded to WCGS for approval.
To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org
Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

## Johnston Family Files

Sue Powell, project manager, has announced that eight additional books of Hugh Johnston family files have been turned over to the Wilson County Public Library for binding. These will be shelved as soon as the binding has been completed. These include Bullock, Howell, Jordan, Tarver, Viverette, Warren, Watts, White, and Whitehead.

There are now 87 Hugh Johnston family files that have placed in the Wilson County Public Library. Some smaller files have been combined so the total is about 70 individual volumes of material.

The copy work is about completed with proof reading and final copies yet to be made for the last twelve family files. These are mostly very large files.

## Pruitt Books

Based on the desire of the members to purchase Bruce Pruitt's books on the Tennessee Land Grants to NC Revolutionary War Veterans, the WCGS Board has now made the purchase. The six volume set of records has been turned over to the Wilson County Public Library for binding and eventual shelving.

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II $30.00
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___ Wilson County Historical Map. $5.00
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___ Confederate Field Map #2. $5.00
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___ Town of Wilson, Map 1872. $5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1882. $5.00

**Roy Taylor Books**

___ Down a Country Road. (hardbound) $15.95
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___ My City, My Home. (paperbound) $10.95

**Payment and shipping**: Shipping cost for each book is $3.00. Shipping cost for maps is $3.00 for 1-4 items.
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*Wilson County's Heritage*

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## President's Message

Spring is just around the corner. The Earth is renewing itself with the budding dogwoods, and daffodils. Speaking of renewal, thanks for your renewal to *Trees*.

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help survey cemeteries, proof read, fold newsletters, mail books and volunteer in our "small genealogy room" at the main library.

Thank you for coming to our aid when asked to come in to help out of town researchers who come from as far away as Maryland, Chicago, Texas, Florida and other places to research their families' roots in Wilson County, in our "small genealogy room". All of you who have volunteered in any way are a blessing, and we appreciate you.

There is room for only four people at the table in the genealogy room at a time and a person at the reader. Despite that fact, it is still a very busy room. Several times, I have seen people turn away at the door because the room is so crowded there is no space for them in the "small genealogy room".

We have asked our Commissioners for more space and for a person to assist in the genealogy room.

People who come to Wilson to do genealogical research patronize our restaurants, motels, shopping centers and other businesses. We appreciate your business and your interest in our "small genealogy room".

When a Bond Referendum is floated in the Fall, Wilson County folks, please be sure to vote "yes" for library expansion.

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President.

**The Editors'Message will be found on page 35**

## March 27 Presentation on Granville Grants by Margaret Hoffman

Margaret Hoffman is a nationally known authority on land records and colonial land patents. She has written more than ten genealogical reference books plus the definitive series on North Carolina Granville District grants.,

King Charles II granted the Carolinas to eight of his courtiers in 1663. This land stretched from Virginia to Florida and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Margaret first released volume one listing grants from the Proprietors between 1663 and 1729. Two further volumes list grants from the British Crown between 1735 and 1775. When the Lords Proprietors gave up their claim to the Carolinas, Lord Carteret (later Lord Granville) took over a portion of the area and gradually released it for settlement. The Granville Precinct included present Wilson County, and records of land grants here may often be found in one or other of the four volumes by Mrs. Hoffman on the subject.

Hear the engrossing story of how our land came into our hands as told by Mrs. Hoffman herself, illustrated with abundant details to help us all to understand how the process worked.

Margaret has been invited to bring a selection of her books for purchase by anyone interested.

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## Our Irish Heritage

*I'm proud to be an American*
*And I'm proud that I'm Irish , too,*
*For I love the wearin' of the green*
*And I love the red, white and blue.*
*I love to watch the marchers*
*As they go parading by*
*Whether it's on St Patrick's Day*
*Or on the Fourth of July.*
*And what could be more beautiful*
*Than a shamrock, goodness knows,*
*Unless your heart is captured*
*By an American Beauty Rose?*
*Hot dogs? Yes, I love 'em.*
*And watermelon too,*
*But I'll always have an appetite*
*For good old Irish stew.*
*No it isn't just the blarney*
*When I proudly say, "It's true*
*That my heart is pledged to America*
*And to dear old Erin, too!"*

*Chris Fitzgerald*
*In **Irish Treasures***

Hibernia to the ancient Greeks, the second largest of the British Isles, this island nation is divided into Northern Ireland, a part of the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland, formerly Eire. The island is divided into four historical provinces—Connaught, Leinster, Munster, and Ulster, with 23 counties in the Republic of Ireland, and 6 counties in the north. The area of the island is 32,599 sq mi (North Carolina has 52,672 sq mi). The population of the island (1981) is 4,925,364 (*Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia)*

The whole of the island was a part of the United Kingdom until 1922 when Eire was granted independence.

The 1860 Wilson County census lists nine persons born in Ireland: Callaghan, McBride, Cox, Fullitton, Mulane (2), Malone (2), and

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Queries from WCGS members are accepted and posted on the e group.

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*The Dew Family (Part II)*
*Continued from November 2000*

The November 2000 column for Family Connections addressed the origins of the Dew family in our area. This family began with a Thomas Dew who settled in Nansemond County, Va., (now Suffolk City) and his descendant, Capt. John Dew who settled about 1750 on (now) Lake Wilson Road, on the property now called Dewfield. John's family cemetery recently came to light when land was being cleared for development and was mistakenly labeled as abandoned.

Since then the remains found there have been moved to Maplewood Cemetery.

John Dew's estate was filed at the Edgecombe County Court in 1760. He left children Abraham, Joseph, Spencer, William, Arthur, John, Elizabeth (married Tyner), Mary, Priscilla, and Sarah. Capt. John Dew's Mill on Toisnot Creek was on the Colonial road (now Lake Wilson /Airport Road) between Tarboro and Smithfield. There were about 500 acres of land around the mill. It is interesting to read details of the lives of some of his children, as follows: Sarah Dew married (1) William Bridgers and later (2) William Cotton in 1731. The several children of the second marriage settled in Edgecombe County and left many descendants.

Joseph Dew died in Hertford County in 1761 and left no will.

Spencer Dew lived much of his life in Northampton County where he was born. He appears to have moved away after 1765 and left no records. In 1774, a William Hales of Northampton County was arrested for using the alias of "Spencer Dew." He was carried under guard to the Duplin County Court House where h confessed to his crimes which also included counterfeiting. He was properly hanged.

William Dew bought land in Edgecombe County but later moved to Georgia.

Abraham Dew was identified as "planter" of Edgecombe County as early as 1735. The public records contain many references to land purchases over the following years. He died in 1773 leaving his wife, Elizabeth, and their children Abraham Jr., John, Reuben, Thomas, Sarah, Obedience, Millicent and William.

Arthur Dew (Sr.) was born in 1728 in Bertie County and died in 1795 in Edgecombe County. He bought a considerable amount of land, some being the site of the present downtown Wilson. His estate was divided among his children: Elizabeth (married Benjamin Farmer who owned the Charles L. Coon High School site). John, Martha (married Barnes Simms, one of the county's largest land owners), Arthur Jr., Mary (married Jesse Barnes), David and William.

John (son of Captain John Dew) settled in the area that is now Nash County, where, in 1772, he was paid a bounty for wildcat scalps. He died in 1791, leaving children Duncan, Catherine (married John Robbins), Nancy (married John Bonds), and Elizabeth (married a Coney).

Now for a brief look at some later generations who remained in our area:

John Dew; son of Arthur Dew; married Sarah Thomas (of Thomas Farms, still identified on Rt. 42 East). They had 12 children, including Larry b. 1790, David b. 1791, and Duncan b. 1794.

Larry Dew married Nancy Bardin and had 16 children including Arthur b. 1822, Jonathan b. 1828, Moses b. 1838 George b. 1844, and others.

Jonathan Dew married Martha Ellis and had George Jonathan b.

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## ONE PEPPERCORN FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCH ANGEL

**Taken from the "News from the North Carolina Collection", High Point Public Library**
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This past month one of our customers brought us a very interesting puzzle to solve. She had found an old Orange County NC lease agreement dated around 1770. The consideration or fee that was charged to the lease holder of the said property was "one peppercorn for the Feast of Saint Michael the Arch Angel." What was all this about, she wanted to know.

Well, it took all three of us digging to find the answer to this one. First, I vaguely recalled that in order to attract settlers to the hostile frontier areas, early landowners, and/or government officials would charge token rents as payment for yearly rentals. So, I figured that the peppercorn or "pepper berry" was a token payment. Secondly, although I don't claim to have extensive knowledge of Church history, I knew that Saint Michael was one of the Catholic Church's saints, and guessed that his feast day would have still been celebrated by the members of the official Church of England during the 1770s.

Having made these guesses, however, didn't prove anything, and in fact actually created additional questions:

When was the Feast Day of St. Michael? Did the peppercorn have any significance? My first inclination was to contact Jane Smith Hill, one of our experts in 18th century records, and she verified that my first recollection was correct. Then, Amy, Stephan and I began searching the Internet for references to "Saint Michael" and peppercorn." Interestingly, all the entries we found were transcriptions of Virginia leases that contained almost verbatim the same quote. So this told us that the practice of charging a peppercorn as a yearly rental fee was a Virginia practice from the areas in Virginia that were heavily populated by English settlers. Not only did this add credibility to my idea that the Feast day was celebrated by the English, but it also provided an area in Virginia for our customer to check for earlier records of her ancestor. Well, we were able to find out that indeed Saint Michael was recognized by the Anglican Church. His feast day, Michaelmas, was not only a religious day but was also one of the "quarter days" (as in "quarter sessions") and was celebrated on September 29th. In addition, Michaelmas was the first day of the fiscal year for the English court systems, and the beginning of the fall semester for many English universities and colleges. This meant that the yearly lease rentals would come due at this time also.

It became a custom in some parts of England for landlords to charge their tenants a goose for Saint Michael's feast, as part of their rent. According to *CHARLOTTE'S WEB Genealogical Dictionary* an online genealogical dictionary which can be found at: <http ://charweb.org/gen/gendictp.html>

*Peppercorn rents originated during the Middle ages in Britain. When a piece of property was deeded over as a reward for good service (or because the tenant was a favorite of the overlord) a nominal rent was charged as a reminder that the tenant didn't own it outright. A single peppercorn (or a single rose i.e. rose rents) was among the most popular forms of this style of* "quit rent" *but there were various other curious forms of payment, such as a frog, a roast pork dinner or the donation of a petticoat to a poor woman. The Feast of St. Michael or Michaelmas (September 29) is one of the standard days for paying rent or settling debts.*

Indeed, the term "peppercorn rent," has come to mean some nominal rent (e.g., some civic group rents an old municipal building for $1.00 per year for 100 years).

## A LITTLE CANDLE HISTORY

Taken from *THE NEWS AND OBSERVER*

In the Middle Ages, if you were poor (that means everyone but the clergy and nobility), your only source of light besides an open fire was rushes twisted into wicks and dipped in tallow fat rendered from slaughtered sheep and cows.

Diaries written in London during the 13th and 14th centuries never fail to mention the revolting smell and black smoke tallow candles provided. "More smoke than light," commented one chronicler. "And a smell to make you faint."

The aristocracy and church enjoyed beeswax candles, still the simplest, best and most costly They burn slowly and clearly, do not drip and give off a subtle honey fragrance. Sheets of beeswax can be rolled around a wick to create honeycomb-textured candles. Or the wax can be melted and a wick dipped repeatedly into it until the candle is the desired thickness. Beeswax was once almost impossible to mold because it stuck and would not come free. Silicone releasing agents were added in this century.

In the 1700's, American colonists experimented with waxes and perfumes from plants. Burning spicy-scented bayberry candles at Christmas became a tradition, The waxy berries, from a member of the myrtle family were so prized that a fine was levied on anyone found picking them before autumn.

In 1825 a Frenchman came up with the braided cotton wick, No more rolled rushes!

In 1850, paraffin wax appeared (a byproduct of petroleum), and in 1857, with the help of stearin (stearic acid, which hardens the paraffin) and the braided wick, we finally had a bright, clean, affordable candle.

But this coincided with the availability of cheap kerosene lamps. Ciao, candles.

With thanks to Miranda Innes, *The Book of Candles, (Dorling Kindersley, 1991)*

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McGuire. To our knowledge, of these, only the Cox family remains in our area to this day, descendants of harness maker, Lewis Cox, born in Ireland in 1835, naturalized as an American in 1859, served in the CSA forces, married a Stantonsburg lady (Laurenia Wilkinson), had one child (William), and died in 1876. This writer is descended from him. Unfortunately, we know very little about Lewis' origins as Irish records are scarce , many having been burned in 1924 by the IRA in a protest against the British Government in Southern Ireland. We know that Lewis arrived in New York at age 14 in October 1849 with his parents and siblings. The family soon split up in an attempt to find work and was never reunited. The desperation of the Irish potato famine of 1845 changed many lives for better or worse.

Some sources suggest that there are other families of Irish origin in our county who immigrated to America long before. These could include Ferrell, Mayo, and others.

The island of Ireland was settled by Celts about 350 BC. These wanderers, who had occupied most of southern Europe over a period of several hundred years, came originally from Eastern Europe, perhaps the Danube Valley. When the Celts occupied France, they became known as the Gallic tribe, a term still used in France today. The Irish Celts are thought to have come from the Iberian Peninsula—present Spain and Portugal, just as did the Welsh Celts. The Celtic language, which never had a written form (only a few symbols called "ogham"), lives on as Irish Gaelic and Welsh. A fiercely tribal populace, the Celts carved Ireland into small kingdoms, many of which exist today as counties.

Anglo-Saxon immigrants from England have settled in Ireland for many centuries thus making it difficult to determine whether one's Irish ancestry is pure Celtic or Anglo-Irish. A number of colonies were started by the English Crown over the centuries, and when some of these colonies failed, the settlers went elsewhere, sometimes to America. One of our local families proudly claims they are from Kings County in Ireland, not realizing that this was an Elizabethan colony with English settlers who either returned to England or came on to America.

The Ulster province was settled by Scottish immigrants in the early 1600s by King James in an attempt to quell the hot tempered Irish barons. Ulster became a significant source of new Americans between 1715 and 1776 when conditions became difficult there. Records are hard to find, but local Scots-Irish families may include Ellis, Brice, and Bissette. Most of the Scots-Irish immigration was to major US cities and, from these, into Appalachian hill country.

When asked about their origins, many local residents quickly respond "Scotch Irish, I think." Evidence does not show this to be correct. There are only a very few Scots-Irish here (Scotch is the whisky of Scotland), but there are many further west in North Carolina. The Scots got their name from the Picts of north Britain, who called 6th century Irish invaders "Scotti", or raiders.

True Scottish immigrants came to North Carolina during the "Highland Clearances" after 1750. The Cape Fear Valley was a popular destination, and we have several local families who descend from these immigrants.

Patrick Valentine, local Library Director, is now writing a book on the history of Wilson, and we have been told that he will include a section on the Irish in Wilson.

We recommend a visit to Ireland to see for yourself the land that spawned such a strong sentiment of belonging. Northern Ireland is safe enough now (but we still avoid parts of Belfast), and it is wonderful to visit the grave of St. Patrick and see the Mountains of Mourne watching over the site. But take sturdy, waterproof shoes and a good umbrella! The Atlantic climate is truly the cause of the intense green.

Irish, Scots-Irish, or other, we all enjoy the legends of Ireland.

*May St. Patrick smile on you,*

*The Lord above bless you,*

*And peace and contentment*

*Forever possess you!*

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1864, who married Lucy Perry, whose mother, Jane Ellen Perry, was the last known burial in the old Captain John Dew. cemetery near Dew's Mill. Jonathan and Martha also had Wiley Duncan (1868-1926) who married Julia Forbes (1870- 1938).

Hugh Johnston did extensive research on this Dew family which is detailed in a volume of over 350 pages that has been bound and shelved in the Genealogy-/ Local History Room at the Wilson County Public Library. This book shows that our local Dew family has connections with many other Wilson County founding familles. It is possible to find a Dew family interest in practically every type of locally owned business within Wilson, including tobacco, transportation, real estate, and manufacturing.

Outside our own local area, Dew family members may be found throughout the country Many left during the lean years of the early 1800s and settled in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas. One young Dew married into a family in piedmont North Carolina and that family, for many years, held controlling interest in the regional chain of Belk Stores.

One Dew descendant in Ohio, traceable to a Joseph Dew of Northampton County, N.C., has presented research which shows that this is the only Dew family that ever immigrated to America. Their search traced the family origins to Wales. The present Ohio family has been Quaker for over two centuries and remained so at the time of the research.

Henry and Sue Powell

## WWI Draft Registration, Letters "Y" - "Z", continued

Submitted by Lisa Henderson

| NAME | AGE | BIRTHDATE | ADDRESS | OCCUPATION | NEAREST RELATIVE | RA. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yancey, Darcy Cecil | 34 | 2/16/1883 | 542 E. Nash St. | druggist | Lelia B. Yancey | W |
| Yates, Nathaniel | 21 | 8/1/1896 | 207 Spruce St. | asphalt plant employee | | B[1] |
| Yellow, High | 21 | 8/1896 | | laborer, Jake Matthews | | B[2] |
| Yelverton, Albert Loyd | 38 | 4/27/1879 | Black Creek | farmer | Minnie Yelverton, wife | W |
| Yelverton, Cornelius | 31 | 2/1887 | RFD 1, Sh'burg | farmer, Mrs. Mollie Dawes | | B[3] |
| Yelverton, Edgar Burnice | 42 | 7/17/1875 | RFD 1, Blk Crk | farmer | Ethel Yelverton, wife | W |
| Yelverton, Francis Marion | 40 | 8/16/1877 | RFD 1, Blk Crk | farmer | Emma Yelverton, wife | W |
| Yelverton, Hugh | 36 | 4/24/1881 | 120 Rountree | dentist, Carolina Building | Myra Peebles Yelverton | W |
| Yelverton, Jay B. | 22 | 1895 | Stantonsburg | laborer, Dr. S.H. Crocker | | B[4] |
| Yiannoulis, Apostolos Nick | 33 | 5/1884 | 106 S. Goldsboro | owner, New York Cafe | Thomas Yiannoulis, bro. | W[5] |
| Yiannoulis, Thomas Nick | 34 | 3/18/1883 | 200 E. Nash St. | proprietor, European Cafe | Ayoroula Yiannoulis, wife | W[6] |
| Young, Calvin F. | 23 | 3/29/1894 | 300 Vance St. | farmer | | W |
| Young, Harry A, | 25 | 6/9/1892 | 300 W. Vance St. | farmer | | W |
| Young, Henry | 39 | 4/26/1878 | 115 Ash St. | horse shoer, C. Culpepper | Sarah Young | B |
| Young, Luther | 33 | 8/15/1884 | RFD 4, Wilson | farmer | Della Young | B |
| Young, Robert McDonald | 18 | 7/22/1900 | 427 Banks St. | student | Laura E. Young | B[7] |
| Young, Samuel Marvin | 43 | 1/15/1874 | Box 632, Wilson | traveling salesman | W.J. Young | W[8] |
| Young, William Beauregard, Jr. | 26 | 11/12/1891 | Youngs Ave. | merchant & farmer | | W[9] |
| Young, Willie | 21 | 4/3/1896 | 413½ Goldsboro | brickmason helper | | B[10] |
| Younger, Charlie | 31 | 1876 | 203 Manchester | laborer, American Tobacco | Maggie Younger | B |
| Zrakas, A.E. | 44 | 8/22/1874 | 200 Nash St. | owner, hotel cafe | | W[11] |

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1 Born Hamlet, NC. Worked for R.G. Lassiter Co.
2 Born Newport News, Va.
3 Born in Wayne County, NC.
4 Born in Wayne County, NC.
5 Born in Greece.
6 Born in Greece.
7 Student at Hampton Roads College, Newport News, Va. [Should this be Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.?]
8 Watkins Cottrell Co.
9 Born in Fayetteville, NC. Partner with W.B. Young. "Father in hospital."
10 Worked for W. H. Lamm.
11 Born Mavromate, Cicilea, Greece.

| NAME | AGE | BIRTHDATE | ADDRESS | OCCUPATION | NEAREST RELATIVE | RA. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zrakas, Anastastheos Efthemeo | 35 | 12/1882 | European Café | cook, European Café | Akaterine A. Zrakas, wife | W[12] |
| Zrakas, Thomas | 25 | 11/7/1892 | 103 Goldsboro | café owner | | W[13] |
| Zrakas, Thomas Konstantine | 18 | 3/10/1900 | European Café | Cook, New York Café | Anastastheos Zrakas, bro. | W |

12 Born Trekala, Mavromat, Thesale, Greece.

13 Born Mavromation, Greece.

## Obituary of Nancy Farmer

***Zion's Landmark*, July 15, 1889, No. 18**

**Contributed by J. Robert Boykin**

Nancy Farmer wife of I. B. Farmer and daughter of Hardy and Mary Yelverton was born the 11th of Sept. 1835 and died April 19th 1889, making her stay here, near 54 years.

She was always considered a good girl at home and at school, loved by all who knew her. Her mother died when she was about grown, leaving her with the family to care for, consisting of father and two brothers and three sisters, all younger than herself. She cared for them in a woman like manner and tried to speak a word of comfort to her father in his lonely hours of trouble.

She was married to said I. B. Farmer July 8th 1861 to whom she bore seven children, five of which survive her, together with her dear father to mourn their loss. Surely she was a wife who could meet her companion at all times with a smile, like a lovely rose, sending forth its fragrance to cheer him on the pathway of lifes' journey. She spoke to her children with the fondness and tenderness of a mother; was affectionate to her neighbors, could look into the empty vessel of the poor with pity, her soul would not be comforted because theirs was not.

Soon after the late war it pleased the good Lord to show her what a sinner she was both by nature and by practice, … . She went before the conference of the church at Wilson, related the reason of her hope, and was received and baptized … by Elder John Daniel and went on her way rejoicing. She remained a constant member of the church until her death, always filling her seat when she could. … .

About six or seven weeks before she died she was taken with what the Doctor called softening of the brain, with which she died. … . As the disease progressed and the waiting family stood around watching every action and sign, she was breathing the air of heaven; a goodly place.…

She was often heard to sing No. 109 Lloyd's Selection "Jesus my Saviour, I know thou art mine," and so on, (her favorite) she would often speak of the Saviour, and say; here he lies by my side, don't you see him, all is so good. Toward the last, she said I want to go to my Saviour. She once had affections below, now they are loosed and above; she would say can't you go and tell my Saviour to come after me, I am ready. … .

On the night of April 19, 1889 her spirit took its flight, … .On the next day Elder P. D. Gold preached to a goodly congregation from 2 Thess. 4th verse, in a very impressive and encouraging manner; after which the body was conveyed to its last resting place in the family grave-yard, accompanied by husband, children, relatives and friends to mourn their loss. …

J. T. Edgerton

Pikeville, Wayne Co., N. C.

[Editor: Nancy's husband, Isaac Barnes Farmer, 1790-?, was the son on John and Nancy Barnes Farmer. He was great-grandson of the settler, Isaac Farmer, who came to Edgecombe County about 1750 from Surry County, Virginia with his mother and step-father, James Bynum.]

# 1848 PETITION TO FORM A NEW COUNTY

**from the files of Marshall Daniel**

On June 17, 1848, a meeting was held at Hickory Grove in Edgecombe County (now Wilson in Wilson County) to suggest boundary lines for a new county. The secretary for this meeting was John W. Farmer.

Over Mr. Farmer's signature several petitions were circulated in those portion of Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston and Wayne Counties that would become Wilson County. These petitions, while essentially the same, varied in some of the boundaries.

The major difference between these petitions and the bill introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. William F. Dancy on December 7, 1848, is in the beginning of the boundary description. Where the description in the bill reads: "Beginning at the point where Pitt and Greene corner in the Edgecombe line at or near where Jno. T. Eason formerly lived, ...", the petitions read "... to commence at or near Bassett Sikes in the Edgecome and Greene line ..."

The Petition and Signatures Presented to the General Assembly

To the honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, the petition of sundry of the inhabitants residing in the extreme corner of the Counties of Edgecombe, Nash and Wayne, humbly sheweth that they labor under a great many inconveniences and privations, oweing to the great distances they reside from their respective court houses and the number of water courses in time of floods preventing many from attending on the public, and their own private business which they consider a great grievance, and knowing it is the duty of all legislative bodies to redress the grievances of the people, as far as it is constitutional, we your undersigned petitioners therefore pray your honorable body to take our case into consideration and pass an Act erecting a new county out of the extream corners of the aforesaid counties of Edgecombe, Nash and Wayne and bounded as follows: to wit: Beginning at the point where Greene and Pitt corner at the Edgecombe line-at or near where Jno. T. Eason formerly lived and thence by John Webb's; thence a direct line to James Bridgers, and thence a direct course by Col. David Williams Mill, on by to the Nash line and thence a direct line to Horne's Bridge across Toisnot Swamp, and thence the Smithfield road at or near the junction of Turkey Creek and Mockason, and thence down Contentna Creek to the Wayne and Jonston line; thence with the Wayne and Jonston line to Nauhunta Swamp; thence down said swamp to the Green County line and thence with the Green line to the beginning—And duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray.

John W. Farmer
Elisha Barnes
E. V. Evans
W. D. Thorn
Henry Barnes
Larry Flora
Simon Barnes
James Barnes
Wistley Swift
Levi Worril
Jacob Ellis
John Dew
Thomas Amerson
John Bird
J. D. Rountree
John R. Farmer
William H. Shallington
Jackson Pittman
W. I. Parker
Rufus Barfoot
John Harper
Eirkit Evans
B. S. Ward
Needham Ward
E. G. Clark
Thomas Evans
John R. Barnes
David Horn
Edwin Eatmon
Hiliard Jorner
Benja. Morris
William T. Taylor
Josiah Farmer

William Barnes
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Joel V. Evans
John Farmer
Wily Ameson
Joseph Farmer
Jacob S. Barnes
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Moses B. Sharp
William D. Johnson
Redmon Batts
Amos Jonston
Elisha Amerson
Lewis Carter
Moses Rountree
John Morris
Jas. Deans
Blount Thompson
Arthur Dew
S. G. Cobb
John Pittman
Elias Earens
J. Pitmon
Jack Barfoot
Albert Farmer
Jas. Farmer
W. Barnes
James Jordan
Caborn Farmer
Thomas Saunders
Amos Evans
Cader Rountree
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Benjamin Simms, Jr.
Cornelias Jordan
William Mumford
Arthur Robbins
Isaac D. Farmer
Calvin Rountree
Hardy Cobb
James H. Bell
John T. Barnes
Wm. Peelle
Thos. Tomlinson, Jr.
Ellen Bell
Willie Tomlinson
Amos Ellis
Willie Mathas
Jonathan Dew
Benj. Barnes
George Barfoot
Arnold Nichols
Jesse Harris
William Harper
John Peel Jr.
William D. Farmer
William Tomlinson
Jesse Simpson, Jr.
Joshua Lamm
William Ellis
Gilbert Lucus
Pharow Farmer
Rinderson Cobb
Steptoe W. Vick
David Hunt
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Redmond Parker
Fremon Porch
Jacob Farmer
Stephen J. Barnes
Iredel Farmer
Ephriam Barnes
James D. Farmer
Benjamin Morris
Benjamin Flourer
Dempsey Barnes
W. E. J. Shallington
Briant L. Barnes
Gilford Horn
Willie Farmer
Josiah Davise
Calvin Davise
William Whitehead
James Horne
H. W. Peel
Thomas Rountree
Joseph Lucus
William Taylor
Benja. Grantham
Nathanal Pippen
Willie Deans, Esqr.
Joshua Barnes
Thos. Jonston
Arthur Farmer
Simon Robbins
Larry Flora
Guilford Horn
Henry King
Nathan Lamm

Randolph Dinson
Eaven Baker
Hampleton Howell
Jethro W. Aycock
James N. Aycock
Jas. Rountree
Wright Woodard
Jno. G. Mumford
Jas. D. Barnes
Lindsey Bell
Seth Ward
John Coleman
Perry Barnes
John T. Barnes, Jr.
Larry Dew
David Dew
Lewis Rountree
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James Grice
Benja. White
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Thos. Farmer

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James Hayes
Washington Barnes
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Benja. Rogers
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Elisha Cook
Lewis Ellis
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Wm. D. Davis
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William Fetts
Amos Hays
William H. Edwards
Joseph M. Pace
William Ellis
Edwin Barnes
Roddrick Jones
Lemon Cook
Henry Applewhite
Robert Hollan
Josiah R. P. Ellis
John Amason
R. Bynum
Samuel Bynum
Amos Owens
Calvin Rogers
Arthur Pittman
Rodric Amason
Rufus W. Edmundson
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Bryant Little
Kenneth Pippin
Mickel G. Little
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L. J. Dortch
Briton Gardner
Lemon Eason
James Edmundson
J. C. Daniel
Cofield Ellis, Eqr.
Wm. R. Hayes
Zadock Johnson
Jonathan Jones
William Barnes, Sr.
Louis D. Arquer
George Thompson
Reuben Bynum
Edmon Ellis
David A. Scott
James Horne, Jr.
Riley Maton
Moses Perkins
Jacob Taylor
Danil Tomlinson
Nathan Morris
Thos. Jorner
Jno. Murphy
Benj. Ellis
Blak Baker
Robt. Bynum
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H. H. Williams
Alford Bailey
Alfred Boykin
Wiley Boykin
Isaac Wilmison
Wiley Grisell
Elsey Welles
Wm. Wells
John Nichols
G. E. Sanders
Hilyard Boykin
John Stott
Bennet Flowers
Stephen Boykin
Wm. M. Eatmon
David Bizzet
Robbert Simpson
Hardy Wilminson
Raimon Thorn
Irvin Boykin
John Taylor
Fedrick Taylor
Marshel Eatmon
Equston Thorn
Wilson Renfow
David Pelle
Thomas Murser
John Pelle
John Evins
George More
James Boyett
S. B. Thorn
Wm. F. Boykin
Henderson Sulavent
Robbert Baker
Thomas Wilmiston
Jarmon Eatman
Thomas Lamb
Martin R. Thorn
Thomas Fulghum
John Davis
Mathew Boykin
Enoch Flowers
Samuel Winborn
Isak Smelley
Lawson Camel
James Davis
John _____
Isaac Davis
Stephen Morris
Dempsey Boykin
A. J. Taylor
D. B. Winborn
Dempsey Williams
Guilford Ricks
Harris Boykin
James Leigh
Samuel Davis
Ephriam Davis
Berton Eatman
Peter Eatman
William H. High
Garry Wilminston
Thomas Flowers
Joseph Peelle
Levi Bailey
James Murser
Bryan J. Bunn
H. H. Boykin
Richman Boykin
Reddin H. Sullivent
Nathan Stott
James Fulghum
Josee Peelle
Arthur Davis
Bartley Deans, Senr.
Alsey Stott
Elisha Applewhite
Bartley Deans, Junr.
Jesse Fulghum
Abram Lamm
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B. D. Rice
Benj. Barnes of Wayne
Applewhite William – Nash
Fred Holloman
Willie Renfrow
Quinnery Watson
Jas. Bass
David Watson
P. C. Davis
Henry Ruby
Elias Barnes of Wayne
Joseph W. Rowe
_____ Parker
W. W. Baily
Edwin Godwin
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Jesse Kirby, Jr.
Pitts Kirby
_____ Atkinson
Rufus Barnes
Jones _____
Noah Watson
Josephes More
Isaac Lamm
Thomas Price
Jacob Rentfrow
Ephraigm Watson
Dempsey Watson
Kinchen Crumpler
Simon Watson
Isaac Kirby
Wm. Watson
John Crocker
Garry Sillavent
John Sillavant
Jethro Simpson
Joseph Watson
Ransom Kirby
Thomas Rose
Mabary Rentfrow
_____ Raper
Levy Odom
Calvin Raper
Robert Raper
Henry Barnes
Jacob Barnes
Williamson Hinnant
Riley Rentfrow
Zachariah Lewis
Erasmus Kirby
Ruffin Sillavent
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John Hawley
Elisha Davis
Hardy Hinnant
Stanley Kirby
Silas Lamb
Matthew Peelle
Asail Ward
Jesse Peelle
Calvin Lamb
William Raper
James Moore
James H. Hinnant
Mark Rose
Larry Lamb
Thomas Rose
Harris Hawley
Mathew V. Peelle
Stephen Peelle
John Crafford
James Rose
Charles _____
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Willie Watson
Hinnant Rentfrow
Griffin W. Godwin
Jacob Parish
Jno. H. Barnes
James Davis
Bardin Rose
Edwin Barnes
William H. Pearce
Thomas Davis
Thomas Kirby
William Holland
John H. Jenkins
Harmon Eatmon
Henry Worel
John J. Barnes
John O'Callaghan
David S. M. Hunt
Matha E. Manen
Evertt Lamm
Jessee Pitman
Willie Barbee
N. N. Price
Edwin Barnes Of Mills
Charles Boise
William Boise
William Raper
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## William Smith
### From the Hugh Johnston files

William Smith lived in Chowan County, North Carolina, and later in Bertie [as well as Edgecombe, Tyrrell, and Halifax].

On January 26, 1721/22, William (S) and Ann (A) Smith, Planters, of Chowan County sold to Richard Abee, cooper, for £19 current money 300 acres adjoining George Cockburn, the Swamp, and John Hardy, witnessed by Lewis (I) Davis and George Cockburne. (Deed Book C-1, p. 366). On March 30, 1722/23, William and Rachel (X) Smith, Planters of Chowan County, sold to Thomas Mewborn, Planter, for £12 a tract of 30 acres called "Hardy's Old Field" (lately held by Thomas Pierce, Jr.) adjoining Alexander Smith and Henry Cogdale, witnessed by Enoch Flower and Thomas Galloway. (Deed Book C-1, p. 375). On June 27, 1723, Edmond Smithwick of Bertie County sold to William Smith of Bertie County a tract of land adjoining John Seshons, Robert Anderson, and Roquist Swamp, witnessed by Francis Hobson, Ann (A) Hobson, and Robert Forster. (Bertie County, Deed Book B, p. 255).

On March 19, 1723/24, William Smith, Planter, of Chowan County, sold to Thomas Pierce for £13 sterling money of Great Britain 70 acres on Albemarle Sound called "Poplar Neck" adjoining Henry Cogdale (from 100 acres, 30 of which were sold to Thomas Newborn, and the other 70 were bequeathed to William Smith by his mother Mary Smith), witnessed by Thomas Mewborn, Elizabeth (X) Burnall, and William Smith. (Chowan County, Deed Book C-1, p. 452). (No will of Mary Smith has survived for early Chowan or Bertie Counties.)

On August 7, 1726, William Smith patented 640 acres in Bertie County south of Morratock (Roanoke) River and west of Little Creek on Conato Creek. (Patent Book 3, p. 225). On January 12, 1735, William (S) Smith of Bertie County sold to Edward Collins for £250 current North Carolina money 185 acres on Roquist Swamp adjoining the Indian Line, Robert Anderson, and John Sessions, witnessed by Hugh Grimes, John Watson, and John (X) Leggett. (Bertie County, Deed Book E, p. 113). On November 13, 1738, John Baldwin, Planter, sold to William Smith, Planter, of Bertie County, for £6 current Virginia money 50 acres adjoining Henry Jones and George Smith, witnessed by George (S) Smith and Jeremiah Smith. (Deed Book E, p. 349).

On November 22, 1732, Dr. James Moore, Planter, of Edgecombe County, sold to William Smith for £10 current Virginia money 108 acres adjoining Paul Bunch and Joseph Sims, witnessed by Aaron Drake and Simon Jeffries. (Halifax County, Deed Book 1, p. 23). On June 30, 1738, William Smith patented 300 acres in Edgecombe County on Mosley Branch of Horn Swamp. (Patent Book 9, p. 262). On June 30, 1738, William Smith patented 300 acres in Edgecombe County at the mouth of Maple Branch on Horn Swamp. (Patent Book 8, p. 10). On August 4, 1741, William Smith patented 150 acres in Bertie County west of Mill Swamp. (Patent Book 4, p. 100; Book 5, p. 79). On August 28, 1741, William Reeves, Jr., sold to William Smith of Bertie County for £8 sterling money of England 100 acres south of Chokeyott Creek adjoining John Muston and Little Chokeyott Creek in Edgecombe County, witnessed by Robert Harris, Richard Cureton, and Nathaniel (X) Merrit. (Halifax County, Deed Book 3, p. 18)

On December 1, 1744, William Smith patented 200 acres in Edgecombe County south of Tar River "Including the said Smith's Plantation." (Patent Book 10, p. 38) & (Patent Book 5, p. 190). On January 13, 1747, Robert Harriss of Granville County sold to William Smith of Edgecombe County for £10 current Virginia money 250 acres on Chockot Creek adjoining Coventon, Mufton, William Reeves, and Gum Branch, witnessed by William Reeves and Christopher Ogilvie. (Halifax County, Deed Book 3, p. 263). On October 12, 1751, William (W) Smith of Edgecombe County sold to Lewis Davis for £24 current Virginia money 160 acres south of Great Fishing Creek (bought from Joseph Gainer), witnessed by Joseph (X) Gainer, Samuel (SD) Davis, and Nathan Rowland. (Deed Book 4, p. 181). On May 9, 1757, William Smith patented 193 acres in Edgecombe County south of Coneto Swamp on Turtle Marsh. (Patent Book 11, p. 270).

In 1760?, William Smith, Planter, of Tyrrell County, sold to Thomas Staton of Halifax County for £33 Proclamation Money 193 acres south of Conetoe Creek (granted to said Smith on May 9, 1757), witnessed by John Williams, Mary (X) Williams, and John (X) Garret. (Halifax County, Deed Book 7, p. 237). On June 10, 1762, William Smith patented 309 acres in Halifax County in the fork of Chockiot Creek adjoining Mary Merritt, Benjamin Merritt, Ogilvey, George Norwood, William Powell, and John Powell. (Patent Book 14, p. 166). On December 15, 1763, William Smith of Halifax County sold to Zachariah Powell for £20 sterling money 309 acres in the fork for Chockeot Creek as described in the patent above. (Deed Book 8, p. 312).

William Smith made his will in Halifax County on May 5, 1777, probated in August Court, 1777 (Will Book 2, p. 59): (1) son William Smith, a gun; (2) daughter Elizabeth Smith, 20 shillings in Proclamation Money; (3) daughter Agness Smith, ditto; (4) wife and executrix Mary Smith, use of the rest of the estate for the support of herself and the children; (5) witnesses John Williams and Christopher Bustins.

Children of William and Mary Smith:

1. William Smith
2. Elizabeth Smith
3. Agness Smith

## Minutes February 27, 2001

The Wilson County Genealogical Society met February 27, 2001 at 7:00 p. rn. at the Wilson County Public Library for an Open House in celebration of the Society's 10th Anniversary.

Books and materials that the Society has produced were displayed for everyone to browse.

President Carol Forbes introduced the speaker. In remarks before the group Patrick Valentine, Head Librarian, praised the Society for it's hard work and contribution to the genealogy section of the library. He said the Society's growth to a *450* membership that goes across the nation was impressive. He emphasized that the assistance of all members is needed to help get a bond issue passed in the Fall for increasing services at the library.

Registering and winning door prizes comprised of publications by the Society were:

Rufus Swain, *Cemeteries. Vol. I*
Brenda Thorne, *Estates Inventory*
Lena Smith, *Cemetery Finder*
Sarah Kirby, *Cemetery Finder*
Lenore Smith, *They Moved Away*

Refreshments of Anniversary Cake, nuts, punch and cookies were served.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lenore Smith, Secretary

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*Pepsi* abruptly halted an advertising campaign in China, Business Wire said, when it was realized that the slogan "Come Alive with the *Pepsi* Generation" when translated into Chinese became "Pepsi Brings Your Ancestors Back From the Grave."

Boston Globe ombudsman Jack Thomas wrote a column about obituaries and noted that he had quoted his late father-in-law in a recent obituary this way: "I once paid $200 to have my family history looked up, and then $500 to have it hushed up."

From: Paper Roots
A Weekly Round-up of Genealogy in the News by Hobson Woodward

## New African-American Research CD Available

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has released a new family history reference CD containing approximately 500,000 African-American names that have been gathered from research done on records from the Freedman's Bank.

This bank was chartered by Congress in 1865 for the benefit of ex-slaves. More than 70,000 African-Americans held accounts in the bank whose records list the name and family relationships of account holders.

There have been several cases in which families separated by slave sales have been reunited by using these records. While not entirely complete, these records are one of the only sources for African-American information from the post Civil War period.

This CD is available through the LDS for $6.50. Order from
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## Editors' Message

We continue our review of makeup of this publication.

A suggestion has been made that "newsletter" does not describe the purpose of this document, as that implies current news. Most of our news happened a while back. We are testing "chronicle" as this implies events of long ago. We will see what reaction comes back.

The annual index for the previous year of ***Trees*** will be mailed soon as a separate document. Beginning with this current issue of ***Trees*** page numbers will run consecutively through the year. Therefore, this issue covers pages 25-36. **The February issue will be renumbered as pages 13-24 in the index and in the annual volume for 2001. You may wish to renumber your copy so that it will correspond with the index.**

Henry and Sue Powell

## Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members in the spring of each year.

## Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com

Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted. Queries from non-members will be forwarded to WCGS for approval.

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WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group.

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My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke
For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!
Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "What am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero is my score.
At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!
When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "Who's that?"
Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Contributed by
Grace Turner

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### President's Message

Easter Season is a time of Spring flowers, sunshine and family gatherings. I hope you took time out for a family gathering of your own.

Bring on the ham, collards, corn bread, (true southerners don't eat biscuits with collard greens) potato salad, butter beans and yes, the deviled eggs. Try out each other's favorite pie and cake recipes.

Times like these are a good time to catch up on family history. Did you bring your camera for those great "snapshots" and "group pictures"? This is history in the making.

Ask Aunt Sallie and Uncle Jim to tell you about the folks. Grandma is sure to have some wonderful stories about what life was like when she was growing up. My, things have changed since then. Write down every word; you don't want to miss anything.

Don't miss opportunities like family gatherings to learn important facts about your family history. You just might find that missing piece of the puzzle you are looking for.

Good luck with *your* genealogy research!

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President

### Editors' Message

We are pleased with the response to the change in the designation of this document to a "chronicle" of Wilson County Family History. One helpful member has suggested that we include more historical material and has provided content from an old newspaper that will be of interest of our readers. We include one old advertisement in this issue and will devote more space in future issues to items that deserve to see light again.

You will hear a lot from us in months to come as the time grows near for the public ballot on the proposed library expansion and renovation. Every vote will count—make sure yours is included!

Henry and Sue Powell

## April 24 The descendant of a German Immigrant in Johnston County

Pat Godwin of the Johnston County Genealogical Society will be with us to share her research into the work of Revolutionary hero and German immigrant, Dr. Bodo Otto. This gentleman, a close personal friend of General George Washington, came to Pennsylvania from Saxony in 1755 and served in the Provincial Congress prior to the Revolutionary War. During the hostilities, Otto advised General Washington on the need for Smallpox vaccinations (which were done secretly) and set up the hospital at Valley Forge. In 1903, his great great grandson came to Smithfield. Pat has put together a fascinating slide show, showing the family's highlights.

**Advance Notice**. The May 22 meeting of WCGS will NOT be at the Wilson Library. We will meet at the Olivia Raney Library in Raleigh. This is the regular meeting night for the Wake County Society (the other WCGS) and the program will be of interest of all family researchers, as will be the Library itself. The new, specialized facility was recently built by Wake County as a center for local history and genealogy. We will carpool from the Wilson Library at 5:30PM to arrive there before 7PM with a little time to explore the resources available. The meeting is set for 7PM. Bring along a sack supper to eat along the way, or you may wish to stop for fast food in Zebulon.

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### EARLY CHURCHES IN OUR AREA

Compiled by Sue Evans Powell

**Wilson County An Episcopal Parish?**

By Hugh B. Johnston

It is difficult to believe that the northern two-thirds of the area now embodied in Wilson County was once a part of an official Parish of the Church of England, better known as the Episcopal Church after the successful outcome of the Revolutionary War in 1781 and the termination of its formal religious and political ties with England.

Since the first settlements of our territory appear to have begun in 1741, the official year of birth of Edgecombe County, as well as that of Edgecombe Episcopal Parish, we were technically associated with the Chapel erected in 1748 south of Tar River and about seven miles northwest of what is today Tarboro. It was served by an itinerant minister, the Reverend James Moir, who began his services in our Parish at Easter of 1747 and continued them until his departure in 1766.

Meanwhile, the Parish had been split under Governor Arthur Dobbs in 1756, and our portion of it was formed into St. Mary's Parish, followed by the election of an appropriate group of vestrymen. With the arrival of Governor William Tryon in 1770, St. Mary's Chapel on Tar River was supplied with a minister by his appointment of the Reverend Henry John Burgess, Jr., but he appears to have departed after a couple of years. Although there were occasional services held by itinerant ministers, this Chapel appears to have been abandoned by 1805, and the few citizens with Episcopalian leanings were generally without formal services until the establishment of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Tarboro in 1819.

[In *The Episcopalians of Wilson County*, by Patrick M. Valentine, we

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***Our Local Shelton Family***

Question: Please tell me about my Shelton family. ES, Wilson

Answer: Our local Shelton family is yet another example of the small, very fortunate group of English settlers who arrived in Jamestown while it was under the control of the Virginia Company of London, and lived to tell about it. Thousands of immigrants arrived to try to establish a new life here between 1607 and 1624, but only about 150 of these actually left descendants. The swampy location of Jamestown, lack of adequate food, housing and medical assistance, and unfriendly Indians took their lethal toll.

The Shelton name goes back into unrecorded history and probably derives from a Saxon place name, as "ton" means place or farm. One source defines the name simply as a place beside a hill. Very early records often interchange the name with Skelton.

The Shelton family had been prominent in the east of England for many centuries. John Shelton was knighted by King Richard I in 1190 during the Third Crusade. There are many family stories which have come down through the years, not verified but interesting if taken as family lore. One fascinating example is the tale of Sir John Shelton (1462-1499), married to an Anne Boleyn, aunt of the Anne Boleyn who was the second wife of King Henry VIII and the mother of Queen Elizabeth I. Sir John and Lady Anne were invited to live at the Royal Palace when Elizabeth became Queen, and Sir John became Governor of the Queen's Household. The Sheltons were given a residence called Carrow Abbey in County Norfolk, which was the remains of an 11th century Nunnery. It was a possession of Elizabeth I inherited from her father who had closed all such institutions during his reign and taken them for the Crown. The tale goes on to add that the Boleyn family had a vestigial sixth finger, and that this trait may still be found in Sheltons descended from Sir John and Lady Anne.

This is a good example of the dangers of internet genealogy. It makes a fine story, but there is no proof for any of this, nor any clue as to where the information came from.

One descendant, Sir Ralph Shelton of County Norfolk in England died there in 1628, leaving two sons, John, and James who arrived in Jamestown perhaps after 1610. The family grew and spread over successive generations and spread into Isle of Wight County, York County, and counties to the west and south. By 1750, with the opening of Lord Granville's lands in North Carolina, there were Sheltons found in Granville and Halifax Counties, and sometime thereafter in Edgecombe County where they settled in the Tar River-side community of Old Sparta. Burrell Shelton was born in Halifax County about 1740, married Ann Lane, and had William Shelton b. about 1775. William married Lydia Thigpen in 1803 and they were possibly the parents of Burrell (often spelled Burwell—an old family name from Gloucester County, Virignia) and Henry Shelton.

In 1825, Henry Grey Shelton married Margaret Ann Little, and their descendants include General Hugh Shelton of military renown, Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces of the United States under President Clinton.

Also, in 1825, Burwell Shelton married Sarah Booth and had several children: William (?), Pleasanton, Martha, Joseph, Vina, Louis and Saltar. [Editor: William probably does not belong in this list,]

As Pleasanton produced descendents that live in Wilson County, we will follow him. He married first, in 1848, Mary Mayo (daughter of

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## One Old Family Portrait Rescued From Oblivion: Charlie J. Skinner, Wife Sadie Eliza Harrell & Son, Earl

**by Albert R. Page, Sr.**

The late Edna Lewis Looney of Macclesfield knew I was doing family history research on the Skinner, Harrell, Lewis and Webb families due to some common interest we both had in these families.[1] She came across an old family picture her mother Alice Harrell Lewis had in her collection which Edna told me her mother claimed those in the picture as their kin.[2] As the story played out it was not the worst old photo scenario. First off, Edna had listened well enough to her mother and uncle to understand that the picture represented a connection to their family. Secondly, there were some names on the back of the photo that gave clues to those in the picture. Older family members spoke of the Skinner and Harrell family connection, but Edna never ask about that kinship.[3] The names on the back of the picture helped identify the three people in the photo in a later day when Edna wished to identify the members further and understand better the family relationships. Edna asked me to do what I could to find out exactly who the people in the picture were and what kin the three people in the photograph were to her Harrell family. The names just barely readable on the back of the old family photo were, "Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Skinner and Earl Skinner".[4] Up to Edna's time, family tradition especially in the Alex Harrell family line was that there were kinship ties to the Skinner family. I started the search with this information and a copy of the picture in hand sent to me by Edna with both front and back sides reasonably well reproduced.

With the bits of evidence mentioned above, family tradition and the names, I started to look for supporting evidence. I had a local Salt Lake City friend, Herb Urry, who was skilled in photography and computer work take the picture and enhance the images. In the meantime I went to work on trying to identify Charlie, his wife and their son Earl.

The first thing I did was check my copy of the marriages of Wilson County for the years of 1905 to 1924. Edna had suggested that she felt this was the time frame in which I might have more success finding the marriage record. Success came right off as I found that a 27 year old Charlie Skinner married a 17 year old Sadie Harrell on the 27th of September in 1914 in Saratoga Township. One of the witnesses was Britton Harrell.[5] The Skinner-Harrell connection was reinforced by my very first research effort. I then checked Joan Howell's Wilson Co., N.C. Federal Census of 1900 for Charlie and Sadie with their families of orientation. I found Charlie (though there were three different Charlie Skinners in this census) with his parents and other siblings. The age from the marriage license matched more closely here, so I made the assumption this was the right person. Charlie's parents were Starkey and Jane Skinner and his siblings were: Albert, Martha, Oscar, Starkey Jr. and Jonas. They lived in the Saratoga Township.[6] Further search in this same area resulted in the find of Sadie with her family. She was listed as Sarah L. Harrell. Her parents were recorded as Alex and Fannie Harrell and her siblings were: Britton, Jasper, Genie, Daisy, Estelle, Lillie, Floyd and Lonnie.[7] I then decided to confirm this family discovery by contacting Lisa Jones Stith of the Wilson County Courthouse vital records office and ask her to look up the marriage license and forward me the parents of Charlie and Sadie. Lisa's forwarded information to me confirmed the fact that what I had found in the 1900 census was the right Skinner family lines. To further trace these Skinner and Harrell families I consulted the Wilson County 1910 census records. First, I found them by means of the Soundex method and then using that direct location information I was able to turn right to the Skinner and Harrell families in the 1910 Wilson County Census record. Just before the marriage of Charlie to Sadie their families of orientation appeared on the 1910 census as follows: Henry S. Skinner aged 50, married once and for 31 years. His wife was listed as Jane C. 50 years old and as having six children and they were all alive. The children at home then were: Henry O. 27, Charlie J. 19 and Jonah F. 15 years old.[8] Sadie Harrell Skinner's family of orientation was as follows: Alex Harrell aged 36 and married 17 years. His wife Fannie was 36 years old and with six children and they were all alive too. They were Britton 16, Lonnie 14, Sadie 12, Jasper 10, Genie 8 and 2 year old Daisy.[9]

Charlie Skinner and Sadie Harrell were married about

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four years later in 1914, and the Britton Harrell listed as one of the witnesses was her oldest brother. I thought Earl Skinner, the baby in the picture under discussion, was probably born either in 1915 or in 1916.[10] I concluded the old picture was probably taken in late 1916 due to the appearance of the age of baby Earl Skinner. I reviewed the 1920 Wilson County Census record also by means of the Soundex method to further prove this family, and the resulting personal information was as follows: they were living in the Stantonsburg Township on the Moyeton & Wilson Road, Charlie Skinner was 28, Sadie was 22 and they had two sons, Earl listed as 3 8/12 years old and Lesley as one year old.[11] Additional searching by means of the help of surviving family members Dorothy Owens, wife of Jonas Skinner (one of the only two surviving members of the Henry Starkey and Jane White Skinner's children and spouses left)[12] and Sarah Frances Skinner Ellis (third and last child of Charlie and Sadie Skinner) assisted in finalizing the identity of the C. J. Skinner family. Sarah Frances Skinner was born on the 3rd of Sept. in 1925.[13]

I checked the cemetery record books of Wilson County by Joan Howell for the burial of Charlie and Sadie. After a short search they were found in the Maplewood Cemetery. Charlie Skinner was listed as being born on the 17th of Feb. in 1891, and he died on the 4th of Dec. in 1954. Sadie's headstone listed her as being born on the 10th of May in 1891, and she died about 18 years after Charlie on the 8th of Nov. in 1972. Lesley Skinner, the second son, was located with his parents too, and his birth was listed as the 10 of Jan. in 1919, and his death as being on the 17th of Jan. in 1968.[14] The grave of Earl, the first son, was not found in Maplewood but in the Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery. He was born on the 13th of April in 1916, and died on the 5th of June in 1992.[15]

The graves of the parents of Charlie Skinner, Henry Starkey and Jane White Skinner were found in the Edwin Owens Cemetery[16] outside of Saratoga not far from their farm which was inherited from Jane White's father James "Jim" White.[17] Sadie Harrell Skinner's parents, Alex and Fannie Amerson Harrell, were also found on the south side of Saratoga on their farm in what is known as the Alley E. Page Graveyard.[18] Sadie's mother inherited their part of Alley Page's farm because she was a kin person and favored by Alley Page.[19]

The relationship of Edna Lewis Looney (late owner of the old photograph) to the family of Charlie J. Skinner is through Charlie's wife Sadie Harrell. Edna's mother Alice Harrell was the daughter of Clayton Harrell and his wife Annie Walston. Clayton Harrell was one of Alex Harrell's younger brothers. Alice Harrell married Buren Lewis son of William Thaddeus Lewis and Elizabeth Thorne.[20] Edna Lewis, their daughter, married Jim Looney. Only part of the above information was passed on to Edna Lewis Looney before she just died, unexpectedly, in late March in the Greenville hospital.[21] Hopefully, she now understands more fully her total family kinship than we mortals do. Both her Harrell and Skinner families were old Saratoga settlers from way back in time, and their graves also dot the county landscape.

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SKINNERS:

Henry Starkey Skinner & Edith Christine "Jane" White

Children & Spouses: James Albert & Eva Rebecca Stancil, Martha Jane & Levi Daniel Moore, Oscar J. & Addie McKeel, Starkey S. & Lonie Webb & Leona Bell (alive), Charlie J. & Sadie Harrell, and Jonas Franklin & Dorothy Jane Owens (alive)

Charlie J. Skinner& Sarah L. "Sadie" Harrell

Children & Spouses: First baby born dead in 1915, Earl E. & Doris Flora, Charles Lesley & Virginia Corbett, and Sarah Frances & Herbert Edward Ellis

HARRELLS:

Jesse Harrell & Edith Wainwright

Children & Spouses: Alex & Cora Frances "Fannie" Amerson, George & Nannie Webb, Clayton & Annie Walston, Demie & Dow Webb, Vester (no spouse info.), and Lula (no spouse info.)

Alex Harrell and Fannie Amerson

Children & Spouses: Britton & Bessie Owens, Amos Jasper & Myrtie Mattox, Sarah L. "Sadie" & Charlie J. Skinner, Gene & Roy T. Jordan & Fred Eason, Daisy & Ernest Phillips, Estelle & Ruel E. Craft, Lillie & P.P. Coley, Floyd & Virginia Paschall, and Lonnie & Minnie Louis Walston

Charlie J. Skinner & Sarah L."Sadie"Harrell

Children & Spouses:

Earl E. & Doris Flora, Lesley & Virginia Corbett, and Sarah Frances & Herbert Edward Ellis

Clayton Harrell & Annie Walston

Children & Spouses: Alice & Buren Lewis, plus about nine other children & spouses

Alice Harrell & Buren Lewis

Children & Spouses: Edna Lewis & Jim Looney, plus other children & spouses

Edna Lewis & Jim Looney

Children & Spouses: Two to three children and spouses

Notes and comments:

1. I had visited with Edna Lewis Looney at her home in Macclesfield several times in the past years sharing especially Lewis family history information. Last year and early this year, we had been communicating by e-mail.
2. Edna Looney e-mail to Albert Page on 12 Dec. 2000.
3. Same as above in #2.
4. Same as above.
5. Wilson County Courthouse marriage records for Charlie J. Skinner & Sadie Harrell, 27 Sept. 1914. I have a copy of the record from 1905 to 1924.
6. Joan Howell, Wilson Co. N.C. Federal Census of 1900, 2000, pg. 135, no. 147 for the Starkey Skinner family.
7. Same source as above but pg. 132, no. 117 for the Alex Harrell family.
8. Wilson Co. 1910 Census on microfilm, Saratoga Township, no. 244 for the Starkey Skinner family.
9. Same source as above except see no. 41 in the Saratoga Township for Alex Harrell family.
10. Telephone conversation with Earl Skinner's sister Sarah Frances Skinner Ellis of Wilson, N.C. on the 8th of April 2001. She informed me that the first baby born to Charlie & Sadie was born dead in 1915. As a result the first child born alive to this couple was Earl in 1916. His headstone records the same date of 1916.

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One may also wish to consult the 1985 publication History of Wilson County and Its Families on the Harrell families, pgs. 236-238.
11. Wilson Co. 1920 Census on microfilm, Stantonsburg Township no. 42 for the Charlie Skinner family.
12. Telephone conversation with Dorothy Owens Skinner of Saratoga on the 6th of April 2001.
13. Same source as #10.
14. Joan Howell, Wilson County Cemeteries, Vol. IV, pgs. 201 & 202.
15. Same source above except Vol. III, pgs. 268.
16. Same source above except pgs. 122-123.
17. James "Jim" White land records from Wilson Co. Courthouse and will of Jim White to his children Garry, Zillie, Jane & Nancy. See also History of Wilson Co. & Its Families, 1985, pgs. 309-310 under Edwin Owens family for White family information.
18. Joan Howell, Wilson Co., N.C. Cemeteries, Vol. I, pgs. 54-55 for Alley E. Page graveyard.
19. Albert R. Page, Sr.'s article "The Stephenton Page Family & Graveyard" in the May 1998 W.C.G.S. Newsletter, pgs. 7-9.
20. Information from Vera Webb Stallings of Macclesfield in telephone conversation on the 5th of April 2001.
21. E-mail from Albert Page to Edna Lewis Looney on the 9th of Jan. 2001.
22. After a considerable amount of personal research the information on the Harrells and Skinners was discussed and checked in telephone conversations with Dorothy Owens Skinner of Saratoga, Vera Webb Stallings of Macclesfield and Sarah Francis Skinner Ellis of Wilson.

[***Editor: we note with sadness the passing of Edna Lewis Looney, a member of WCGS for many years.***]

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William and Abba Mayo) and had 4 children: Martha, William Daniel, Lorenzo and Carrie. After Mary died in 1859, Pleasanton married again, to Martha Deal, in 1861. He died in the Confederate Hospital in Petersburg, Virginia in 1862. Martha Deal Shelton married again to Berry Holland in 1866. Mary Mayo Shelton's children were raised by William and Jane Barnes of Stantonsburg .

William Daniel married, in 1877, Sarah "Sallie" Ellis (daughter of Josiah and Betsy Ellis) and had one son, William Leslie Shelton (1878-1963) who became a prominent farmer in Stantonsburg and a Wilson County Commissioner. William Daniel Shelton died in 1878 when his son was only a few months old.

Lorenzo Shelton, was employed as a clerk in David Hill's store at Moyton at the time of his brother's death. Sally Shelton and the baby went to live with her brother, Joseph Spencer Ellis. Sally married again, in 1882, to David Hill who had recently lost his wife, leaving him with a son, Howey.

Carrie Shelton married Joseph S. Ellis in 1878, and Lorenzo Shelton married Joe's sister, Martha Ardelia Ellis in 1881 to further cement the ties within these families. David and Sarah Hill had six children, David G., Guy, Oliver, Elizabeth, Orpha and Martha, which gave them a family of eight with William and Howey.

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learn that there was also an Anglican (Church of England) church , Contentnea Chapel, sometimes called Little Goshen Chapel, at Fool's Bridge in Greene County. Having been built about 1771 at a ferry crossing about eight miles south of Stantonsburg, in what was then Dobbs County, it remained in service through the 1780's and possibly as late as 1812.]

It is possible that the part of Wilson County lying north of Contentnea Creek in St. Mary's Parish enjoyed a visit or two from an Episcopal Clergyman, but the existing records are not very supportive. A Quaker minister or two is known to have drifted through our area during this early period, but it was the itinerant Baptist preachers who provided us with persuasive religious faith and practice during the Colonial Period of our history.

The Reverend Dr. Josiah Hart was holding services in what is today Wilson County within seven years after its first settlers arrived, and he was soon followed by various other Baptist preachers, one of the most noteworthy being the Reverend Morgan Edwards who wrote during his visit here in 1772 a brief sketch of the Tosneot Baptist Church which had been founded in 1756 and was for over two decades the only church within a radius of fifteen miles.

The Tosneot Church had been founded under the Reverend John Thomas in 1756, and was officially licensed by the Edgecombe County Court on September 24, 1759, to prevent possible annoyances by officials or members of the Church of England. Equally rare in North Carolina history was the related License to Preach non-conformist doctrines secured from the same County Court on September 24, 1761, by his son, the Reverend Jonathan Thomas, who would become the first Moderator of Kehukee Baptist Association on November 6, 1769.

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In Mr. Johnston's *History of the Tosneot Baptist Church, 1756-1937,* an unpublished manuscript, he further states:

"Since the Church had no meeting house at the time of its foundation, services were held by the pastor in his own or other homes in the community, and he also preached at the various churches that he visited in the eastern parts of the Colony of North Carolina. ...[During] special evangelical services ... the following fourteen members were reconstituted on September 7, 1758: John Thomas, Sr., and wife, John Thomas, Jr., and wife, Jonathan Thomas and wife, Obedience Thomas, Jonathan Weaver and wife, John Barnes and wife, Moses Baker and wife, and Sarah Hickman."

[John Thomas, Jonathan Thomas, and John Thomas, Jr.] "preached in eastern Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, elevating Tosneot Baptist Church to a position of great influence and reputation during their lifetimes.

"On September 24, 1759, having felt the urgent need of a fixed place of worship, John Thomas deeded to his son Jonathan for love and goodwill 'the plantation whereon he now lives scittuate lying & being on the north side of Tosnot Swamp,' 200 acres 'except one acre for the use of a meeting House for the Baptists whereon the meeting house now stands' on Buck Horn Branch, witnessed by John Thomas,

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Jr. The building measured sixteen by twenty-eight feet and had been erected of hand-hewn timbers during the Summer. The site was just south of the Tarboro Highway and about three and one-half miles east of Wilson."

[The membership was composed of Black and White persons. London Woodard, a black member who joined August 24, 1828, was granted permission "to preach among the colored members on April 28, 1866. He died on Nov. 15, 1870, a month after having founded London's Primitive Baptist Church." See article on London Woodard and his wife Penny Lasiter on page 46 of this issue.]

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*The History of Wilson County and Its Families,* by Wilson County's 130th Anniversary Committee, in the section on churches includes the other early Primitive Baptist Churches which were the Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church, the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church, the Upper Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and the Upper Town Creek Church.

The Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church was developed following the 1748 baptisms in Toisnot Creek by Dr. Josiah Hart of residents of the Black Creek area. The Wayne County Register of Deeds records Brittian Simms as the owner of the land where the church was located. He probably gave permission to the people to build a church on his property. A frame church stood east of the bridge on the present Hwy 117 east, about 500 yards from the Black Creek Run on land which, in 1842, Arthur Bardin gifted an acre to the congregation. In 1876, the church moved from the original site to the present location after C. B. Strickland deeded two tracts of land adjacent to the grant by Bardin. The membership included Blacks and Whites.

Elder Reuben Hayes, Pastor of the Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church, was instrumental in the formation of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist, and a small congregation was gathered by June 8, 1805 and baptized on July 6 of that year. On June 29, 1807, John Hedgepeth of Edgecombe County for $2.00 deeded to William Moore, Thomas Horn and Jeremiah Nichols of Nash County, "Commissioners Appointed by the Baptist Society to purchase land for the purpose of Building a Meeting House," one acre of land on the north side of Great Contentnea Creek "on the Road that leads from Eli Mercer's to the Bridge at Woodards ford in said Creek, including the New meeting house Built for the Baptist Society to Hold their meetings in … as long as the said Baptist Society shall deem it convenient to hold or keep up the Meeting House on the said acre of land"; witnessed by William Horn and Etheldred DeBarry.

On April 13, 1824, the church was formally constituted by Elders Reuben Hayes and Jordan Sherrod, and Elder John Parker was installed as pastor. The congregation consisted of Hardy and Sarah Williamson, Hardy Boykin, Jeremiah and Patience Nichols, Thomas and Ann Horn, Owen Silavent, and Ann Raper. Clerks of the church kept a careful roll of members, both Black and White, male and female.

The Upper Black Creek Church was organized May 5, 1832. Since written records prior to October 25, 1856, could not be found, the location of the earliest church is unknown. A deed of gift recorded by Josiah Barnes in December 1871, gave four acres of land "lying about two hundred yards south of a mill … (Newsom) across Black Creek Swamp … to William Barnes, George Boyett, and William L. Barnes … in special trust … that said premises at all times be used and enjoyed for a place of worshipping God for those who profess and hold the faith of the Primitive Baptist order of Christians." This is the approximate location of the present, newer, building.

Upper Town Creek Church, the third oldest church in Wilson County, was established in 1802 as the Union Church at Town Creek. Francis Winstead was the first pastor, and Thomas Wells served as clerk of the church. The first wooden church building was located on the northeast corner of Town Creek Crossroads. In 1831, a new building was constructed on the southeast corner, and a cemetery was established in the rear.

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**The Episcopal Church**

The Episcopal Church which had been established in Tarboro in 1819 was the nearest place of worship for Episcopalians in this area until 1855. In *The Episcopalians of Wilson County,* Patrick M. Valentine states that it was not until 1855 that Episcopal services were held in Wilson County when Bishop Thomas Atkinson, head of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina, preached in the Methodist Church which had been made available for their worship. After the appointment of William Murphy to officiate here, regular church services were held in the old Masonic building on Lodge Street from the winter of 1855-56 until he transferred to Maryland in 1858. Then Frederick FitzGerald, rector in Goldsborough (as it was spelled then) since 1855, became a Missionary to Wilson.

In the same year, efforts began to build a church with contributions from Thomas Crowder Davis, George Howard, Jesse H. Adams, B. B. Barnes, E. F. Ruffin, and ninety-four others in the community, most of whom were members of other denominations. In 1859, construction of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church began and was completed in 1861 on the 135' x 105' lot on the corner of Greene and Goldsboro Streets. "Like the Methodist Church erected in 1854, it was a one-room, wooden frame building of board and batten construction with a sharply inclined roof. Sometime later a thirty-foot bell tower was added at the corner of Greene and Goldsboro Streets."

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**The Quaker Church**

Sources: *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy,* by William Wade Hinshaw and Hugh B. Johnston files.

Contentnea Monthly Meeting, or Great Contentnea as it was sometimes called, was the result of the western movement of Friends who had settled along the coast of North Carolina. According to the available records, the first settlement in this region was on Falling Creek, a small stream flowing into the Neuse River about 40 miles above New Bern. The March 1748 Eastern Quarterly Meeting minutes record that "Friends at Falling Creek in Johnson County, upon New [Neuse] River, requested of this meeting to grant

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them the privilege of a monthly meeting … . Their request was approved. Other minutes refer to "a constant first day meeting at the house of John Rattcliff at Falling Creek" which was probably near the present town of Kinston in Lenoir County.

In May of 1772, the meeting was moved to Upper Falling Creek, and in September of that year it was held at the home of Arthur Bryant, Great Contentnea, in Wayne County, 15 miles north of Goldsboro. Names of members indicate a close connection to Friends in Carteret County to the east and Northampton County on the north. The monthly meeting appears to have been held at Contentnea until 1851 at which time it alternated between Contentnea and Nahunta, 18 miles northwest of Goldsboro. By 1856, all sessions were held at Nahunta, and the name was changed to Nahunta Monthly Meeting.

The Rich Square Monthly Meeting, Northampton County, North Carolina, set up in 1753, also had members in Edgecombe County. In 1782, the Tar River Friends, in Edgecombe County, were transferred to Contentnea Monthly Meeting, with Fishing Creek the line separating the two monthly meetings. A list of the early members of Rich Square Monthly Meeting contains names of persons who are known to have moved to the present Wilson County area.

Mr. Johnston recorded that the location of the Contentnea Quaker Church "probably stood prior to 1800 on the east side of the Quaker Road (Old Wilson-Goldsboro Road) about 2¼ miles E.N.E. of present Fremont and about 2½ miles north of Nahunta Swamp." He further stated that the "present Nahunta Quaker Church presumably occupies the same location as it did a hundred years or more ago." [See article on page 46 of this issue about the mission work of northern Quakers in 1865.]

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**The Methodist Church**

**The Founding Of Methodism In Wilson And Edgecombe Counties**

By Hugh Buckner Johnston

The first Methodist Church known to have existed in our immediate area was old Mt. Zion Church that stood in 1804 on the "British Road" (N.C. 1327) in the S.E. corner of a crossroad within sight of its entrance into N.C. 97. The original site is now deserted and covered in woods, but some tombstones in the old church graveyard and a half-filled open well may still be discovered there. I am told that the earliest surviving Church Register dates from 1850. In more recent years Mt. Zion Methodist Church has occupied its second location, just inside the Wilson-Nash County Line on the same "British Road" over which Lord Charles Cornwallis passed with his troops on May 7, 1781. [See article on the earlier site and its graveyard on page 47 of this issue.]

The next Methodist Episcopal Church dated from 1818 and was erected on a two-acre lot "on the North side of the great Branch on the main Road leading from Stantonsburg to Tarborough," 304 feet along the road, and 320 feet parallel with the Branch. On September 12, William (X) Ritter deeded the property to Trustees Elisha Ellis, Sr., Elisha Ellis, Jr., John Ellis, William Webb, and John Peele "for and in consideration of having the Gospel preached in my neighborhood," with the provision that "they erect or build, or cause to be erected and built thereon a House for the purpose of religious worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church exclusively and no others," and provided further that if "the said house should become defective & Rotten so as to render it unfit for the reception of a congregation in the position of Worshipers, and the said Trustees or their successors should refuse to repair said House or build a new house for the Term of five Years the right of said lot of ground shall return." John Ellis was an adjoining landowner, and the deed was witnessed by L. Ellis and Enos Ellis.

Until better evidence appears, I am inclined to believe that the church stood on the western side of the Stantonsburg-Saratoga Road and less than .2 of a mile south of the fork that has lead since Colonial times across Whiteoak Swamp, past the site of Tosneot Baptist Church (1756-1802), and to the mouth of the "British Road" between Godwin's (later Dew's) Bridge over Toisnot Swamp and (since 1866) London's Primitive Baptist Church. The reader should take into consideration that there was in 1818 no elevated causeway for the road across Great Branch, and that the land between the church lot and the fork of the road may then have been under cultivation.

On January 2, 1833, Thomas Amason and Richard (R) Hocott of Edgecombe County sold for love and one dollar to Trustees Richard H. Turner and Starky Howard of Edgecombe County and Thomas W. Ellis, Stephen Braswell, and Jason Yelverton of Wayne County, and to "the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church," two acres on the Stantonsburg-Greenville Road where they might "Build of cause to be built thereon a house or place of worship for the use and benefit of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and … suffer such Ministers of the Gospell to preach therein and expound God's holy word who may be sent by the annual conference of said Church and to execute and enforce the discipline of said church as it now is or may be agreed by the General Conference in the United States of America"; witnessed by Thomas L. Speight, Jonathan Wood, and Lewis Hocott.

It is obvious that the new church absorbed the members of the Great Branch Church, excepting those like John Jossey Peele who were planning about that time to move to Georgia and especially to Alabama. The Town of Stantonsburg had been incorporated on December 23, 1817, and had so grown in business and population as to see the Warren Masonic Lodge No. 92 incorporated there on February 12, 1827. The Stantonsburg Methodist Church has occupied its present site for some fifty years at 300 W. Main Street, but an earlier building still stands at the old location near the railroad and is no longer used for religious purposes.

[Compiler's addition: According to the article in "Churches of Wilson County, *Wilson Daily Times*, the first deed for Hornes United Methodist Church, at the intersection of Hornes Church Road and Lamm Road, on the Old Bailey Highway, was recorded August 20, 1828, but the exact date of the formation of the congregation is unknown. This area would have been in Nash County at that time.]

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The year 1854 appears to have been truly historic for the Methodists of our area, for the three churches actually acquired property then, and contemporary evidence suggests that the Wilson Church was getting started although the first identifiable deed is dated four years later. On January 18, 1854, Allen Jones deeded to Trustees N. A. H. Goddin, Henry Gibbons, and W. A. Grimes of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, for $1.00, one acre in Edgecombe County "on the road leading from Tarboro to Williamston on the Staton tract of land near the forks of the road at G. Garrett's on the north side of the said road beginning at Harper's path on the East side" where they "shall erect upon the said parcel of land a building to be used as a church and known as the Methodist Episcopal Church South"; witnessed by McGuilbry Jones.

On April 21, 1854, Francis L. Bond of Tarboro transferred to Trustees A. Grimmer, Nathaniel M. Terrell, Colin Macnair, William T. Mainor, and Robert D. Johnston of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Tarboro, for $1.00, a lot measuring 70x90 feet W. of lot No. 62 on which they were to erect within two years "a comfortable and suitable building, to be used as a place of religious worship by the church aforesaid, and at such other times as they the trustees shall think proper to permit it to be used for celebrations not of an immoral character, and for free Lectures on Morality"; witnessed by John Norfleet.

On September 26 of that year the same John Norfleet gave to Trustees J. L. Horne, Hardy Barnes, John Farmer, and N. M. Terrell of Edgecombe County, and Peyton Atkinson of Pitt County, for $1.00 in specie, two acres on the road from Sparta to the John A. Vines place, "in front of the center of the Church upon the side of the road," and "they shall erect and build of cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South"; witnessed by D. W. Bulluck.

Wilson County got its next church [Buckhorn United Methodist Church] on October 14, 1856, when Ransom Hinnant gave to Trustees Lovett Atkinson, Jacob Barnes, Sr., Josiah Winborn, Stephen Rentfrow, and Simon Barnes "for and in Consideration of the Love I have for the Cause of Christ and from the earnest desire to promote his heritage on earth," one acre on the road at the Abby Hinnant line, provided "that they shall erect and build or cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the ministers and preachers of the said Church at their general conferences"; witnessed by William Hinnant and Hackney Eatman.

The First United Methodist Church in Wilson acquired its first property on October 23, 1858, when Oswald Lipscomb sold to Trustees William Murray, C. L. Parker, William M. Gay, Willie Daniel, W. D. Rountree, R. D. Johnson, John W. Farmer, J. W. Davis, and Moses Rountree for the sum of $1,000 a 46x96 lot, apparently between the Gay and Davis lots on Green Street, with Farmer in the rear, for the use of "the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Wilson"; witnessed by F. W. Taylor.

The last early church to be mentioned in this article is "the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Barefoot's mills" in Wilson County. On April 12, 1869, A. J. and Zilpha (X) Barefoot and G. W. and M. Eleamon Barefoot sold for $100 to Trustees Thomas J. Meacham, K. H. Winstead, G. W. Barefoot, Willie D. Rountree, Willie Daniel, William Gay, and William Murray a lot measuring 105 feet wide and 210 feet deep west of the road and just south of Contentnea Creek; witnessed by T. J. Meacham. Barefoot's Church stood approximately across the road from the entrance to the first Wilson Country Club and was a local landmark before U. S. 301 South was double-laned past Wiggins's Mill. [See article on Barefoot's Chapel in a future issue of *Trees*.]

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[In the *History of Wilson County and Its Families,* the founding of St. John African Methodist Church is described.]

The A.M.E. Zion Church was founded in 1796 in New York City. In 1865, its New England Conference sent Reverend James Walker Hood, a missionary, to North Carolina. He began churches in New Bern, Edenton, and Fayetteville, and, in 1868, established the St. John A.M.E. Zion Church in Wilson.

First located on Suggs Street, with the Reverend Theodore Blackman as pastor and the Reverend Laurance Nevore as assistant pastor, the church also served as a school building with Charles Smith as teacher of all grades. Joseph Charles Price, a member of St. John, served as principal of a school in Wilson from 1871 to 1874 and later became president of Livingstone College. Another member, Professor D. C. Suggs, born and reared in Wilson, also served as president of Livingstone College.

In 1886, the church moved to its present location; however that building was destroyed by fire in 1909. They immediately began fund raising and construction of the present church on the same site. The congregation continued to meet in the interim in the First Baptist [organized May 6, 1860] and Presbyterian [dedicated in July 1885] Churches.

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**The First Baptist Church**

According to *History of Wilson County and Its Families*, the first Southern Baptist Church in the area was established as the First Baptist Church in Lucama in 1820. The founding group included Brother and Sister John H. Battle, Sister Mary E. Morgan, Brother Elias Barnes and Reverend N. Dew. The first services were held under a "bush shelter" composed of a few planks and a top with bushes over it to keep out some sun, rain and snow. The first building was located beside the railroad in the heart of Lucama; however, the noise from the trains caused them to move to their present location in 1917.

In *A Town Named Wilson* by Daisy Hendley Gold with research assistance by Marion Moore, an unpublished manuscript shelved in Wilson County Public Library, we learn of the establishment of the First Baptist Church in Wilson.

Twelve members, assisted by Elder Levi Thorne, I. B. Solomon, I. Z. Barkley, and L. H. Lacy, organized the First Baptist Church of Wilson in May 1860. The first officers were the trustees John Farmer, William Winstead, and Isaac

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Harris, and the deacons William Winstead, William Harrell, and George W. Blount. Preaching services were held the first Sunday of each month, probably in the Masonic Hall until a church was built in 1862, located at the corner of Lodge and Green Streets.

The early minutes indicate that P. D. Gold, of South Carolina, was recommended as the first pastor on August 19, 1862. The minutes further state that, as of October 30, 1862, arrangements could not be made to obtain his services. It was not until September 10, 1865, that Thomas R. Owens, of Tarboro, became the first pastor, preaching his first sermon here on October 3, 1865. The membership agreed to pay at least his traveling expenses to and from Tarboro and more if possible.

In March 1867, the church succeeded in securing Dr. William Hooper, a pastor who could preach in Wilson every Sunday. At about that time their first church was built on East Green Street near the railroad where the Wilson Bus Terminal was later built.

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**The Presbyterian Church**

From the *History of Wilson County and Its Families,* we learn that Selecta Morse, who was believed to have been the first Presbyterian to live in Wilson, moved here from Washington, North Carolina, in 1853. The first Presbyterian religious service was conducted in 1854 by Reverend Daniel T. Towles, an evangelist preacher from Goldsboro. During the following thirty years, at least fifteen Presbyterian ministers preached here usually in the county courthouse or in local Baptist and Methodist churches. The Reverend Drury Lacy, chaplain at the local Confederate hospital from 1863-64, was the first Presbyterian preacher to serve Wilson on a full time basis. As late as 1870, Presbyterian services were conducted here only once each month.

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**The Disciples of Christ Church**

*History of Wilson County and Its Families*

Members of the Disciples of Christ Church were living and active in Wilson as early as 1853. Dr. John Tomline Walsh, preacher of the church, was living here and editing a pamphlet "The Christian Friend" for the Disciples. In August 1853, an organizational meeting was held by Dr. Walsh, assisted by Amos Johnston Battle, pastor and evangelist who had come to Wilson in 1852 to operate the Battle House, a hostelry which was located in the vicinity of the Atlantic Coast Line railway freight station.

A new church was organized to meet in the lower room of the Masonic Hall. The church did not grow under Dr. Walsh nor his replacement William H. Hughart who came in 1857, and on October 8, 1857, the church was removed from the roll of churches. From 1857 to 1871, there was not an organized Disciples church here; however, they were not without a minister or services. Moses Tyson Moye married Nellie Whitehead, of Wilson, came here to live in December 1865, and was ordained into the ministry in 1870. Joseph Henry Foy, a teacher, came to Wilson to edit the Wilson Ledger, serve as clerk of Superior Court, and teach school. In 1860, he married Katie Johnston Battle, daughter of Preacher Battle, and was ordained in the ministry in 1868. Peter Edmund Hines, another Disciples minister, came to Wilson in 1865.

In April 1871, a church of about twenty members was organized with a building site at the northwest corner of Goldsboro and Vance Streets (then called Academy Street) given by Peter E. Hines. The church was soon built, and the 44' x 84' plot of land was enlarged by additional purchases in 1873, 1895, and 1913. Moses Moye, Peter Hines, and R. J. Taylor were early pastors.

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**The Free Will Baptist Church**

*History of Wilson County and Its Families*

Pleasant Hill, a small wooden church about 3 miles east of Saratoga, was established in the mid 1850's. Little is known about the early church whose members, in 1887, decided to split into two churches. One group remained in Saratoga and established the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church. A half acre lot was purchased for $6.00 from Sallie and Samuel Applewhite; the deed was recorded October 15, 1872. A small wooden building, about 24' x 40' was erected and within a year, the church had 90 members.

The other group moved to its present location where it was renamed Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church because of the number of aspen trees in the church yard. Having strict standards of conduct, the church formed a committee to consider the behavior if a member conducted himself in an unseemly manner. Sometimes the offender was excommunicated, or if he professed that God had forgiven him, he may have been permitted to continue as a member. The sketchy early records indicate that the church had financial difficulties for many years. Apparently this necessitated paying the early ministers with goods.

The Leventon Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church was established shortly after the Emancipation Proclamation, and its leaders purchased its building from Whites in 1866. (There are no early records to tell how old the building actually is.) The first pastor was the Reverend C. C. Forbes with Brothers Henry Edwards, Ceasar Woodard, and Albert Manard serving as deacons, and Sisters Smithy Manard and Clara Edwards serving as Mothers. Brother Andrew Best was the church's first clerk.

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**The Missionary Baptist Church**

"Churches of Wilson County", *Wilson Daily Times*, Saturday, November 11, 2000,

New Vester Missionary Baptist Church was founded around 1860, starting as a covered shack on the banks of Contentnea Creek in the area which is now Buckhorn Reservoir. Later it moved to Parkers Island then to its present site on Byrd Road in Sims. The first pastor was the Reverend H. W. Micheum.

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**Other Churches Established in the Nineteenth Century**

Compiled from "Churches of Wilson County", *Wilson Daily Times*, Saturday, November 11, 2000, and from *History of Wilson County and Its Families*

1868 Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Beulahtown Rd., Kenly

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1870 New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (formerly known as Old Salem)
1870 Rocky Branch United Church of Christ, N. C. Highway 581, Kenly (Formerly named Rocky Branch Christian Church)
1871 Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama
1872 Healthy Plains Church, Old Fields Township close to Bullock's School (Primitive Baptist)
1872 Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church, Wilson
1872 Marsh Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church, Rock Ridge
1873 Black Creek United Methodist Church
1874 Elm City United Methodist Church
1875 First Missionary Baptist Church, Langley Rd., Elm City
1880 Elm City Missionary Baptist Church (Originally named Toisnot Missionary Baptist Church)
1881 St. Mary's Original Free Will Baptist Church, Saint Mary's Church Rd., Kenly,
1882 Ellis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Aviation Rd., Wilson
1883 Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly
1885 William Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, William Chapel Church Rd., Elm City
1887 St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Wilson
1887 White Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Hornes Church Rd., Bailey
1888 Lebanon United Methodist Church, Lindell Rd., Stantonsburg
1889 Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilson (The first Black Presbyterian Church in the county)
1889 Kenly United Methodist Church
1890 Kenly Presbyterian Church
1891 Kenly Original Free Will Baptist Church
1892 New Sandy Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church, Bailey
1892 Good News Advent Christian Church, Holdens Cross Road, Stantonsburg
? Bunches Church, Black Creek (date unknown, listed as one of the earliest congregations of Blacks in Wilson County. The land for the church was given by Glenn Junius Evans who lived from 1862-1934.)
1800's Barnes Primitive Baptist Church, Watery Branch Church Rd., Stantonsburg
late 1800's First Missionary Baptist Church, Lucama

[Compiler's note: Using the sources named above, I have tried to include in my narrative those churches which were established or were recorded as having services prior to 1870 and to list those churches which were established in Wilson County from 1870 to 1899. Some of the articles in "Churches of Wilson County" did not list the date they were organized. Mr. Johnston's article on the Methodist Churches did not state the names of all of the churches established when the recorded land transfers were made, and I was unable to identify all of them.]

## Contentnea Quakers

From the files of Hugh B. Johnston

In the Spring of 1865 there was organized in Maryland "The Baltimore Association of Friends to advise and assist Friends in the Southern States." These Northern Quakers collected and shipped a great deal of material to their brethren in Wayne County and several other areas of North Carolina.

"Their work of relief began in Contentnea Quarter, which had just been devastated by Sherman's army. The Association shipped them car-loads of provisions and boxes of goods of all descriptions, including agricultural tools and household utensils of all sorts … . The object of the Association was to put their aid into such forms as would elevate Friends and make them self-sustaining. Its object was to help them first to educate their children and then to improve their lands. Many of those who had already gone to the West were induced to return and further migration was discouraged.

## Penny Lasiter and London Woodard

From the Woodard Family files of Hugh B. Johnston

On Sept. 18, 1854, James B. Woodard "Rcd. Of Penny lasiter one hundred and fifty dollar in payment for her husband by the name of London being of about sixty two or three years of age.[1] On Nov. 1, 1859, James B. Woodard sold to Penny Lasiter for $86.25 a tract of 21¼ acres in Wilson County on both sides of the Fork of Buck Branch adjoining himself and her other property; witnessed by Gray W. Woodard.[2]

"Aunt Penny" was a free Mulatto woman and was married to London Woodard, born about 1792, who was a slave of James B. Woodard. She was born in 1814, and was worth $900.00 in the Wilson County Census of 1860 (No. 741, 736); she then had six children, all of whom had been born free. "Uncle London" had been bought from the Julian Woodard estate for $500.00 March 22, 1827. He became a member of Tosnot Baptist Church on Aug. 24, 1828, and was liberated to preach among the colored members on April 28, 1866. He died on Nov. 15, 1870, a month after having founded London's Primitive Baptist Church. During the four years between his second and third marriages, James B. Woodard entrusted his children almost entirely to "Aunt Penny's" care and guidance; her wisdom and devotion may be measured by the affection that she enjoyed until the day of her death.

Notes:
[1] Wilson County, Deed Book 1, p. 155
[2] Wilson County, Deed Book 1, p. 615

[Compiler's note: London's Primitive Baptist Church still stands just off Herring Avenue (Highway 42) on the east side of Wilson. The road which runs by it has been named London Church Road.]

## Mt. Zion Church

From the files of Hugh B. Johnston

Mt. Zion Methodist Church stands just south of the Wilson County line almost three miles north of Dunn's Cross Roads, on the right side of the road. It is an attractive and well-tended building and grounds, but nobody seems to know much about its early history. The older records were apparently lost. I have reason to believe that it dates back to 1804 or earlier, and that the original site was in the S. E. corner of the crossroads a short distance north of the present location. I have heard that, when they contemplated making improvements at the old location, they discovered that there was no apparent title to the property that the church had occupied for such a long time, and that it would be most satisfactory to all parties concerned if they moved to a new location.

The old location is a scene of desolation, a rectangle of woods bounded by the crossroads on two sides and by cultivated fields on the other two sides. The old building must have stood in the angle of the roads, but I do not know whether it faced north or west. At any rate, the well was in the rear; it is now a dry open pit in the woods, with a sizeable young sweetgum tree growing from the hole. Any animal that walks into it is a goner, and I think a man would have some real difficulty getting out.

The graveyard occupied about two-thirds of the southern end of the rectangle, and I do not remember ever seeing a larger collection of sunken graves. Most of them are unmarked; and of the few tombstones, many have fallen (or been pushed over by vandals). I made a copy of the inscriptions on all the stones that I could find, having to do some digging to uncover three of them. I may have overlooked one or two that had no clue above ground.

Elizabeth, wife of Jasper Rhodes, died July 18, 1921, aged seventy years. (She was born about 1851.)

Henry A. Whitehead was born May 18, 1816, and died November 12, 1889. Lovey Whitehead was born December 8, 1815, and died January 12, 1881. (He was probably the Henry A. Whitehead who married Martha Proctor in Edgecombe County on August 28, 1837.)

1. Eveliney Whitehead was born on January 22, 1845, and died on October 12, 1901. She married Edwin Ethridge.
   a. Jestis Ethridge was born April 20, 1869, died aged twelve.
2. Sally E. Whitehead was born on December 16, 1840, and died on November 23, 1914.

Mary Ella Batts, wife of Robert L. Hathaway, was born on November 29. 1875, and died on February 4, 1904.

Archa Aytch Whitehead, wife of Rufus Whitehead, was born on June 4, 1866, and died on April 28, 1884.

Mary W., wife of John Hones and mother of H. A. P. and W. G. Jones, was born on August 12, 1842, and died on August 14, 1883.

David P. Cary was born February 4, 1875, and died on September 26, 1913.

Angelette Campbell, wife of William Cary, died on November 22, 1913, aged seventy-seven years. (She was born in 1836.) William Cary was born on October 13, 1831, and died on August 21, 1912.

Jordan Winstead was born on June 25, 1821, and died on August 23, 1889. Louisa Winstead was born on January 27, 1825, and died on June 25, 1899.

## Minutes March 27, 2000

The Wilson County Genealogical Society met March 27, 2001, at 7:00 pm at the Wilson County Public Library for it's regular monthly meeting.

Vice-President Rufus Swain presided in absence of Carol Forbes, President. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as they were published in *Trees*.

Henry Powell, Treasurer, reported 171 renewals. He said that after expenses of postage, sales tax, reprinting, copying of Hugh Johnston papers, donating Bruce Pruitt books to the library, and printing and mailing *Trees of Wilson* , there remains a balance of $5,046.66 and $4,000 in a CD. He said that books, catalogues, maps, back issues of *Trees*, and Hugh Johnston papers are moving well.

Margaret Hoffman, guest speaker, was introduced by Henry Powell. Mrs. Hoffman is a well known genealogist, researcher, and compiler of many books. He cited her dedication and phenomenal efforts in the field.

She reviewed the four Colonial Periods of land records: Providence, 1663-1729; Crown, 1735-American Revolution; Granville, 1748-1763, and State of North Carolina, 1778-1960.

She said that King Charles II had granted the Carolina Territory to eight Lords Proprietors in 1663. Of the eight Lords' lands, the Granville Grant was retained longest. John, Lord Carteret, Earl Granville's one-eighth share of North Carolina was held by his descendants up to the American Revolution.

Mrs. Hoffman showed her five volumes of Granville land grants records that she has indexed by name and place.

Members and guest enjoyed her presentation of transparencies of original documents that she found in the North Carolina Archives. They illustrate the processes and uses of land records of Entry, Warrant, Plat and Grant that she explained can be used in research.

The meeting was adjourned, and members browsed Mrs. Hoffman's books that were on hand for examining or purchase.

Respectfully submitted
Lenore Smith, Secretary

## Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members in the spring of each year.

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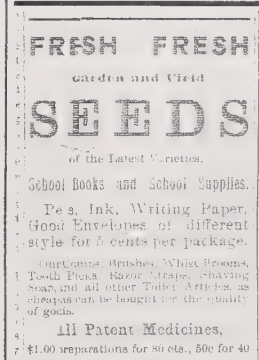
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### President's Message

Happy Mother's Day to all mother's every where! I hope your Mother's Day will be glorious and filled good wishes, gift's, and, most of all, " no dishes to wash".

Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words to the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. She saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

Be sure to honor your mother on this Mother's Day, May 13, 2001.

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President

### Editors' Message

We are pleased to welcome a new contributor to ***Trees.*** Richard F. Barnes, a Wilson native and now a resident of Raleigh has a deep interest in the history of his home county and describes himself as "an unreconstructed Confederate." He speaks for many of us in his lament for our Southern men who died in the war that will never be forgotten.

Richard has also provided a copy of the April 17, 1896 ***Wilson Times***. We include some articles and advertisements in this issue of Trees to give an idea of life in Wilson County over 100 years ago.

We are pleased to see another biography from Albert Page.

Henry and Sue Powell

### May 22 Meeting to be at Olivia Raney Library in Raleigh.

Arrangements have been made with the Wake County Genealogical Society to attend their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 22. The program will be on research strategies (including using the Family History Center effectively). The new Olivia Raney Library is the Wake County facility for local and family history and is located in the County Office Park on Poole Road east of Raleigh.

We will carpool from our library at about 5:30 PM on that evening. (Please park across the street at Bentons.). You may want to bring a bag supper or stop in Zebulon at one of the fast food places there. The Wake County Genealogical Society folks will be waiting to greet you by about 6:30 and show you around this superb new facility. The program will begin at 7:00 and will be over by 9:00 when the library closes.

Our June 26 Social will be at the home of Mary Anne and Jack Sheak again. Details in the next issue of ***Trees.***

***Directions to Olivia Raney Library:*** Take 264 / 64 W. through Knightdale. In about 2 1/2 miles you will see Hodge Road. Turn left and continue for another 2 1/2 miles to Poole Road. Turn right and continue about 2 miles to the Wake County Carya Office Park on the right (just before the Beltline). Turn right into the park and follow the signs to the Olivia Raney Library. Don't miss this occasion. We'll see you there!

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### Impressions on a Visit to Elmira

*Submitted by Richard F. Barnes*

In July of 1998, our family visited the Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, New York, to visit the grave of Daniel Jonas, my wife's ancestor who died while at Elmira Prison Camp during the War Between the States. Woodlawn is the town's principal and historic cemetery and is quite a lovely place. Mark Twain is buried there, and so is the noted film producer Hal Roach. Daniel Jonas is not buried in the cemetery proper but in the National Cemetery that is located north and adjacent to the main cemetery.

Woodlawn National Cemetery is a very sad place. I saw many dead from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. From the dates on the stones, these brave men fell on foreign fields and have been returned to their native soil. These men suffered and died for their country, and to them we all owe our freedom. I walked through the rows of stones and was sad and proud of our country.

The Confederate section of the National Cemetery is the oldest part of this cemetery. That is the reason that the Confederates are buried here, while they are excluded from many National Cemeteries of the post-War Between the States era. As with Arlington, the Confederates were here before the site was designated as a National Cemetery. Confederate dead were disinterred from Raleigh's National Cemetery when it was commandeered for Union dead. One can imagine that the residents of Elmira were not pleased to have the Southerners buried with their Union war dead either, but no other arrangements were made.

All the graves have the same stone, white and uniform in ranks. The Confederate section is off by itself, but surrounded by a rank of Union soldiers'

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## Family Connections • Wilson Daily Times
## April, 17, 2001

**The Newsome Family**

We continue this month with another of our founding families, this time, the Newsome family.

The first of this family in America that can be accurately located is William Newsom, age 21, who arrived in Virginia aboard the George on April 21, probably in 1635. In 1636, William was granted 550 acres of land in (now) Surry County, Virginia. This grant included land as bounty for the transportation of eleven persons to America. Oddly, these persons included all three of William's wives!

Looking for evidence of William's origins, one finds claims that he came from (1) Dublin, Ireland, (2) Newsham Hall in Lancashire on the west side of England, (3) somewhere in the county of Yorkshire in England, 4) an unnamed village in Warwickshire in the center of England, or (5) he was the son of Thomas Newsom, of London who died in 1634, who was descended from the Newsham Hall family. There has been a great deal of time and money spent on research for this line, one result being a very elaborate construction showing lineal descent for Thomas Newsom of London from Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor (724-814 AD). This makes fascinating reading but one should remember that Mr. Jefferson and our other founding fathers made sure that our country has only one class of citizenship. We recognize no royalty, and no American may hold a title or claim to a higher status than any other American. Royalty is an accident of birth, not a hereditary, genetic condition.

The name, Newsome, derives from a surname which developed in the north of England over 1,000 years ago. It was found in Yorkshire by 1100, and later in more southern counties. The name describes "a person who lives in the new houses" and was originally Newsholme. There is probably a Viking connection here as the word "holme" (pronounced home) is found throughout the area conquered by the Vikings in the 8th and 9th centuries. The city and county of York get their name from the Viking name, Jorvik. The "J" is pronounced as we pronounce "Y".

It appears that, at some time around 1450, an individual or family possibly moved across from Yorkshire to the county of Lancashire (a distance of about 50-60 miles) and settled along the main North-South road between Bristol and Scotland, just north of the town of Preston. This is flat farmland, rich with alluvial deposits from the ice age, and a good place for anyone who wished to take advantage of the passing traffic, mostly foot and horseback, along what is now Route A-6. A village slowly grew around the church, taking the name of the new settler, William Newsham. The church was Roman Catholic as was the new settler. We have no idea how William Newsham obtained this land. Bear in mind that it was simply not possible to just go out and buy land. All land is held by the Crown and could only be granted by the Crown or leased from someone who had such a grant. Most people lived as tenants, or sharecroppers, paying their yearly "feu" to the land lord. We know this now as the feudal system. There was generally no escape from the system. Your remained in the same status in which you were born for all of your life. It is no wonder that Virginia was so appealing to the average Englishman.-Here was a chance, at last, to break the mold despite the grave risks to life and success.

Generations passed, and a Thomas Newsham of the village was apprenticed in London where he became a merchant tailor. William, his son, came to America, and eventually the English family sold

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Newsham Hall. It still stands today, a large red brick two-story home, where the current owner will politely tell you that the name is pronounced Newsome, and always has been. The house holds no status among the stately homes of England and is not open to the public. It is simply a very old country house. The village has virtually disappeared, not even deserving of a road marker any longer, but the church remains. A modern motorway passes just a mile away, and it is fair to say that Newsham holds no interest for the casual visitor any longer. The main interest of the area is the Forest of Bowland, a few miles away, with many miles of high, rolling moors. There are few trees but much wild beauty and some lovely old villages in the dales or valley between the moors. This is a hikers' and campers' paradise.

There is a record of two Newsham girls, possibly sisters to young William, marrying in Dublin, Ireland. But no records have ever been found to show that William was there. As far as we know, he was born in London in 1614 and lived there until he came to America where he died a wealthy landowner of Rich Neck, Surry County, Virginia.

The Newsome family will be continued in a later column, tracing them from Surry County to Wayne County along Great Swamp where they were neighbors to the Bass and Lucas families and a strong influence among their fellow Quakers.

Report prepared by Henry & Sue Powell
With assistance from C. Clement Lucas, MD

## Cigars and Coca-Colas

From *The Wilson Daily Times,* August 30, 1919
Submitted by J. Robert Boykin

Dear Mr. Editor:

I would appreciate space in your valuable paper for the following observations.

Wilson is the best, cleanest and prettiest town in Eastern Carolina.

Your hotel is good, and the proprietor is a prince of gentlemen and splendid host.

No finer people exist on the face of the earth than your citizenship. It is a real pleasure to visit your city with one exception, that is the proteering [sic.] or cheap grafting, which ever you choose to call it of your cool drink and cigar dealers. Evidently they have not yet heard that the war is over as no town in the state is penalized so heavily in drinks and smokes as Wilson. There is no reason under heaven for this except the good natured complacency of your people.

It makes a bad impression on your visitors, notwithstanding the small amounts involved.

In Raleigh two coca-colas or other fountain drinks cost the purchaser eleven cents. In Wilson they cost sixteen cents. In Raleigh cigars sell for six cents that cost eight in Wilson.

Before the war these cigars cost the retailer thirty-nine and forty dollars per thousand, wholesale, now they cost fifty and sell for eighty where they formerly sold for six for a quarter. There is neither reason for, nor justice in such prices being charged, and the proper authorities should take measures to protect the people from such avaricious greed.

The complaints of excessive charges of landlords and grocers are too numerous to mention and unless some action is taken to remedy this evil your splendid city will be done incalculable harm.

Very truly yours, James H. Holloway, Box 38, Raleigh, N.C.

GEO. D. GREEN, Pres't. LAT WILLIAMS. SAM'L HODGES

The Geo. D. Green Hardware Co.

(INCORPORATED JAN. 3rd, 1896.)

Successors to

GEO. D. GREEN & CO.,

WILSON, N. C.

"The Geo. D. Green Hardware Company" was incorporated January 3rd, 1896, and as successor to the late firm of Geo. D. Green & Co., will conduct a general hardware business in the town of Wilson, N. C., at the stand formerly occupied by said firm. Will deal in

Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Builders' Materials, Cutlery, Lime, Paints, Oil, Plumbing Materials and House Furnishing Goods.

Mr. Geo. D. Green, senior member, as President, and Mr. Lat. Williams, as junior member of the late firm, will continue to give their personal attention to the business. Mr. Samuel Hodges, Sec'y. and Treasurer, will join them in the conduct and management of the business of the corporation.

Yours Respectfully,

GEO. D. GREEN HARDWARE COMPANY.

A. J. Simms & Co.

**Real Estate Dealers, Wilson, N. C.,**

Will gladly furnish any information regarding Wilson and vicinity to intending settlers.

Wilson, a town of 4,000 inhabitants with all modern improvements, such as water, lights, telephone service and ample banking facilities, located on the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railway system, is the most prosperous town in North Carolina. Wilson County lands will produce well almost any crop. Our farmers make from $100 to $300 per acre on tobacco. Our land is well adapted to truck and our shipping facilities are unsurpassed. Real Estate in our town and county is cheaper than it will ever be again. Good farming lands can be bought for from $15 per acre up. Wilson is now growing faster than any town in North Carolina. 35 buildings to be erected this spring is a conservative estimate.

NO. 1. Vacant lot on Park avenue in that beautiful West end annex to Wilson. A good site for nice residence; lot 70 feet front by 202 feet back. Price $700.

NO. 2. Lot on North side of Bragg street. Five room dwelling. Large barn and stables. Price $1,850.

NO. 3. Lot on corner of Barnes and Lodge streets. 7 room dwelling and good out-buildings. Lot fronts 152 feet on Barnes and 184 feet on Lodge street. Good size for three residence lots. Price $2,650.

NO. 4. Lot on North side of Bragg street 4 room dwelling. good water. Shade, native oak. Price $850.

NO. 5. Farm of 52 acres, 6½ miles West of Wilson. Two frame tenant houses. A good horse farm in cultivation. Purchaser can buy as much land adjoining as desired. Price $1,200.

NO. 6. Farm of 87½ acres 6 miles West of Wilson. A good 4 room dwelling, tobacco barn and all out-buildiugs. One horse farm in cultivation. A fine tobacco farm. Price $1,300.

NO. 7. A VALUABLE MILL AND GIN PLANT.

1 12 horse power Cooper engine.

1 12 " " boiler.

1 circular saw mill complete, cut-[illegible] inches.

1 mounted cut-off saw.

1 grist mill complete, patent feed heavy 40 inch runners.

1 60 saw Hall cotton gin with condenser.

1 steam-power Wilson cotton press.

1 large Wilson cotton seed crusher, 60 feet 2 inch shafting 4 pulleys, couplings and belting complete.

This machinery is all in good running order. Original cost $2,350. Price $900.

NO. 8. A good tobacco farm of 65 acres, on the Nash road, two miles from Court-House. In easy reach of our city schools. A four room dwelling with frame kitchen and good out buildings. A young orchard of select fruit about two acres. Two horse farm in cultivation. Price, $1,750

NO. 9. Lot on south side of Bragg Street ½ acre. 3 room dwelling, good out-buildings good shade, nice fruit. Price $1300.

NO. 10. A good tobacco farm of 72½ acres on the Lucas road, three miles from town, good two story frame barn, good tobacco barn, 30 acres in cultivation, balance well timbered. A bargain at $1400.

Advertisements from *The Wilson Times*, April 1896

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gravestones, as if they guard the Confederate dead for all eternity. What distinguishes this section are three monuments, two of them dedicated to the Confederate dead and one to a noble and caring humanitarian. Daniel Jonas' stone is number 1442, unremarkable except in its meaning to his descendants.

What struck me was that there are so many like him in this cemetery. The southern graves are numbered in the order of their burial, and there are so many here. Depending on what source you use, this cemetery contains between 2,933 to 2973 men who died while imprisoned in Elmira prisoner of war camp. Since there were only 12,123 men incarcerated in Elmira during the War, this means that 24.5% of those imprisoned there died (another source sites only 9,167 incarcerated and 2,980 dead or 32.5%).[1] I could find only 2,963 of these men, but I will assume the pamphlet, provided by the cemetery, is correct about the number. The numbers game is not really important, nor the ranking of this prison as having the second worse mortality rate of Union prison camps. What I find hard to believe is the way in which the cemetery brochure explains the horrible death rate: "Many were in poor condition when they arrived and the winter of 1864/65 was unusually severe which added to the large loss of life".[3] How condescending! How poor a justification for such inhumanity!

Elmira was opened in July of 1864, and the last prisoner was released or died in August of 1865.[2] Just how long and cold was that winter of 64/65? The Union army that ran Elmira is the same one that fed, clothed and equipped an army of over one million men and the same country that sustained a large population in relatively little discomfort for four years of war. There was no blockade of their coast, no shortages of the basics of survival, no starvation on a wide scale, no shortage of doctors or medicines, no scarcity of lumber for shelter or firewood for warmth. The land around Elmira is thick with forests, timber and firewood in abundance. The camp guards and staff had no fear of being overrun by invading Confederates, as Elmira is many miles deep in New York state. These prisoners, who served honorably and surrendered expecting decent treatment and humanity, were allowed to die in appalling numbers and in an unforgivable manner. When you hear someone bemoaning the horrors of Andersonville, remember Elmira. It was frequently referred to as "Hellmira" and the name fits the conditions and treatment.

I stood at the edge of this cemetery and saw a sea of headstones, enough to man a Confederate brigade.

I saw men from all the southern states that died far from their homes, in the care of their enemy and without loved ones to comfort them. I saw men who were forced to endure humiliation from their enemy, from civilians who paid a fee to climb a tower and view them in their camp like zoo animals. I saw men from warmer climates forced to endure a bitter northern winter without warm uniforms, enough heavy blankets and warm shelter, inadequate food, poor sanitation and poor to non-existent medical attention. It made me angry to think of the waste and madder still to think that there is no marker on the site of the former prison or significant local acknowledgement of the inhuman treatment they received. Andersonville is now a National Historic Monument and Park, the site of the nation's tribute to American prisoners of war in all wars. Elmira's camp commandant was not hanged as a war criminal after the war as was the commanding officer in charge of Andersonville. Those responsible for the inadequate treatment and obscene mortality rate were never charged, let alone punished for this crime.

During the War several men from Wilson County spent time at Elmira. From Company B, 2nd North Carolina, four were imprisoned there with one dying of chronic diarrhea, Asa T. Harrell. The others lived to take the oath and be released after the end of the War. These three were most fortunate to have survived, but like prisoners of war throughout history, they lived with the memory of a time spent in hell.

We should be grateful that these graves are marked and identified at all. At many other prison locations, Confederate dead were consigned to mass graves and a single inclusive marker. At Point Lookout, Maryland, 3,004 (at least 962 of them North Carolinians) lie in a single mass grave with a large monument above. We owe the identification of the dead at Elmira to a runaway slave who was paid to bury the dead of Elmira. He kept records of the identity of the men he buried something that apparently did not occur to the Union military, and turned them over to authorities when the graves were finally marked years after the War. His humanity is properly recognized and marked with a bronze plaque in the cemetery. No where else in Elmira is the real story told. Who can blame them. They ought to be ashamed.

Sources:

1. *Civil War Prisons & Escapes: A Day-by-Day Chronicle* by Robert E. Denny
2. *Portals to Hell: Military Prisons of the Civil War* by Lonnie R. Speer
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**Period photo of Elmira Prison Camp.** The prison was located in New York State, where for at least four months of the year, the weather was bitterly cold. One prisoner from Virginia wrote the compound was, "an excellent summer prison for southern soldiers, but an excellent place for them to find their graves in the winter."
(Taken from the Internet site on Elmira Prison History)

## The Hickman David Barnes Family
### by Albert R. Page, Sr.

J.J. Thorne wrote the kind of letter to Wesley Doles, Sr. that all interested in their family history would love to find in their mail box anytime because the genealogical information contained in the 1940 correspondence has such timeless and rewarding value.[1] This letter is also valuable to all those who might be able to claim kin to those included in Mr. Thorne's Barnes family description. The letter likewise has importance to those who were in-laws and friends of the Barnes family. A treasure like this letter comes very infrequent in the field of family history research.

The letter and family pedigree chart published in the Wilson County Genealogical Newsletter in November 2000 permanently records considerable family history information for quite a number of families in the area of the Gardners Township of Wilson County north of highway number 42 back to the general area of Bridgerville Road and east from the Town Creek Road to old 301 in the west.[2] It perhaps includes some families living just outside this area also.

Some families alluded to in this letter such as that of John Gray Williams, William H. Skinner, Joseph Little Petway and Hardy F. Barnes families have already been surveyed by this writer in previous W.C.G.S. Newsletters.[3] Mr. Thorne's letter calls attention to one of the sons of H.F. Barnes and because of this it would seem appropriate to highlight the family of Hickman David Barnes and Sarah Jane Williford at this time.[4] It is likely that other families from Thorne's letter will also be given attention in future W.C.G.S. Newsletters by this writer.[5]

Hickman David Barnes was referred to as "old cousin" by J.J.Thorne. It would be interesting to research that kin relationship also. But, for now the writer will follow the H. D. Barnes family through Edgecombe, Nash, Wake and Wilson Counties and other locations where the research indicated family members lived.[6]

**The Early Years Through The Civil War**

Hickman David Barnes was born to Hardy Flowers Barnes and his wife Unity Ellis on the 27th of November in 1842 there in the old home place just north of the road called today the Rosebud Church Road where the present home of Thomas Amos Gooch stands.[7] That location is the home farm of father Hardy Barnes and his wife Unity.[8] The old Barnes family graveyard with its headstones identifies the Barnes farm though it is now enclosed in woods.[9] Thorne identified eight children of H. F. Barnes and wife Unity: Joseph, William, Wiley Gray, Hickman David, John Hardy, Britton, Elizabeth and Tiney.[10] Several of these children were never married.[11] The census records of 1850 Edgecombe and 1860 Wilson Counties confirm Throne's family recollection in the letter.[12] Some of the siblings died early and others had limited public record coverage.[13]

Hardy F. Barnes was a successful farmer and his family lived well for the time period on his 300 acres.[14] The Civil War changed that considerably by 1861 and later as the demands for materials, men and financial support from the South ruined many a family. Hickman and older brothers were old enough to serve in the army from North Carolina.[15] Hick Barnes joined Company G of the 5th North Carolina

**Hickman David Barnes**

Regiment.[16] His service records indicate evidence that he was a valued and capable soldier. He rose in rank from private to sergeant. He was wounded twice at Williamsburg, Virginia. A few months later he was exchanged and was given leave time to recover from his wounds. He later in 1862 rejoined his unit, and he was promoted to sergeant in 1863. During the battle of Gettysburg, he was captured again and spent most of the remainder of the war from 1863 to 1865 in prisoner of war camps. He was exchanged for a second time in February of 1865 at Boulware's Wharf on the James River. He spent the final months of his military life at Camp Lee near Richmond until the war was concluded in April of that year.[17] He made his way south back home to Wilson County happy to be alive and able to work in farming again. He was still young as he was not yet 22 and a half years old when General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courtyard, Virginia.[18]

**Years After The War to 1900**

Life got better after the war years compared to the years he spent in the army during the war as Hickman worked again on his father's farm. He romanced and married Meady Williford and Elizabeth Moore's daughter Sarah Jane Williford on the 8th of January in 1867.[19] Hick and Sarah Jane worked close with Hick's father in farming. Sarah began to have children right away, and Nancy or "Nannie" was born in late 1867 on the 26th of October.[20] Virginia or "Jennie", their second daughter, was born on the 2Oth of November 1868.[21] When the 1870 Wilson County census taker came around, Sarah Jane was pregnant again with another daughter that was born in November of that year, but she did not live long,

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and she was buried in the Hardy F. Barnes graveyard just north of the old family home place.[22] As H.D. Barnes continued to work the land, another daughter was born in 1875, and the 1880 census records her name as "Unie". She may not have lived too long either because no other child by that name was later listed on census records.[23] Somewhere about the end of the decade of the 1870's the Hickman D. Barnes family decided to move and try it on their own. They were found by the Soundex method on the 1880 Edgecombe County Census record in the Rocky Mount 12th Township, and Hick was listed as "overseeing". Evidently, he had hired himself out to another farmer and managed his holdings. Hick was listed as 37 years old, Sarah Jane 32, Nannie 12, Virginia 10 and Unie was 5.[24]

Life was disrupted again for these Barnes family members as father Hardy Flowers Barnes died on the 19th of November in 1889. Just before his death, he made his will out, had his land surveyed, and land was distributed among his sons.[25] He was buried in the family graveyard on land he had owned for several decades.[26] What remained of Hick's father's place was left to mother Unity. Younger brother John Hardy Barnes was still at home, and the home place was to go to him upon the death of his mother, plus he was to receive the eighty acres of land called the "Enoch Flora track".[27]

The Wilson County land records record four or more land deeds in Hickman D. Barnes' name during the years after the War and up to 1902. Sometimes his wife was also included and especially when some land transfer was transacted that appears to have come from her father Meady Williford. It does not appear that Hickman D. Barnes held land over a long period of time as was the case with his father. He did own several pieces of land in Wilson County for short periods.[28]

Mother Unity Barnes did not survive her husband long after his death as she died on the 3rd of January in 1891. She was buried along side her husband in the familiy graveyard and with her other family members that preceded her in death. The grave was respectfully marked by a headstone.[29] H. D. Barnes' younger brother John Hardy Barnes did not survive his mother long on the family farm. He died within a year after he married Sarah Elizabeth Bass on the 27th of July in 1894.[30] He was buried with his parents and other siblings in the family graveyard.[31] What remained of the old H. F. Barnes plantation went to John Barnes' wife and eventually to their daughter Martha Johnnie Barnes. Years later she sold the old H. F. Barnes land she owned to her step father Thomas Amos Gooch.[32]

As the decade of the 1890's rolled along, enough years had passed so that the Hickman Barnes daughters came into marriageable age. Virginia or Jennie Barnes was 21 years old when she married Wilson resident 28 year old Jefferson Davis Lee on the 3Oth of January in 1890 at her father's house in Toisnot Township of Wilson County. P. D. Gold officiated and A. C. Dixon, J. J. Privett and J. J. Batts officially witnessed the ceremony.[33] J. D. Lee's parents were John Henry Lee and Ruth House. It is obvious that Hick and family had moved back to Wilson County by this time.[34]

H. D.'s oldest daughter 23 year old Nancy or Nannie Barnes married 24 year old Julius C. Moore at her father's Toisnot Township home. The marriage was performed on the 10th of Dec. 1890, by Primitive Baptist Minister Sylvester Hassell.[35]

Birthplace of Hickman (Hick) David Barnes. Built by his father, Hardy Flowers Barnes. Estimated date of construction about 1820-30. The house was moved to a new location and was torn down several years ago.
(Illustration from ***Wilson County's Architectural Heritage*** by Kate Ohno, 1981. Photo enhanced for publication by Albert Page.)

Six years later on the 11th of November in 1896, Hick and Sarah's youngest living daughter 22 year old Elizabeth or "Bettie" married Bishopville, S.C. resident 26 year old R. H. Pittman. The marriage was performed by P. B. Minister Andrew J. Moore at H. D. Barnes' residence. J. D. Lee, James W. Pittman and C. W. Gold were witnesses.[36] By this date the residence of H. D. Barnes was listed as in the Wilson Township. Hickman may have exchanged his old farming employment for a new occupation in the city of Wilson.[37]

The *1900 Wilson County Census* by Joan Howell indicates that Hickman Barnes, his wife Sarah Jane and son Frank were the only family members left at home. Hickman was about 58 years old and had been married 33 years. Sarah J. was reported to be 52 in age. Young Frank Barnes was 17 years old and single. Hick at this time appears to be in the grocery business, and Frank was clerking in the store.[38] Two years later or so, Hickman D. Barnes was listed in the Wilson County, N. C. voter registration as also living in the Wilson Township in precinct number 1. He was listed as 59 years old in that record.[39]

**From The City of Wilson to The Old Soldiers Home**

When the H. D. Barnes family moved from the city of Wilson is not exactly known by this writer. However, after exploring the Soundex method of location, they were found once again in a new and unexpected county. The 1910 record lists them in Nash County in north Whitakers. Hickman was back farming on a rental basis. He was listed as 67 years old and married 42 years. Wife Sarah Jane was 61 years old, and the records tabulate that Sarah had had six children but only four were alive at that time. One very interesting fact revealed by this census was that Hickman's sister Alvina at age 72 was living with them.[40] She had never married and had been lost from the public record since her listing in the 1880 Wilson County Census.[41] After some consideration for the reason that this Barnes family moved to Whitakers and after visiting the Whitakers

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Cemetery, it appears that the motivation for moving came from their Primitive Baptist Church affiliation. The Whitakers Cemetery seems to reveal the importance of the move there. The Barnes family and the Andrew J. Moore family were buried close to each other on the north eastern side of this graveyard. It is well known that A. J. Moore was a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church as was his father Icabod Moore. A. J. Moore's son Julius Caesar Moore who married Nannie Barnes was also a minister of this gospel. J. C. Moore and Nannie Barnes Moore were likewise buried close to their kin in this cemetery. Other children of Rev. A. J. Moore were also buried here as were some of the children of Rev. J. C. Moore and Nannie.[42] Alvina Barnes, one of the daughters of Hardy Flowers Barnes, was found to be buried here with her family as she died on the 2nd of February in 1915. Hickman Barnes, while he continued to live in Whitakers, was listed as the informant on her death certificate found in the Nash County Courthouse in Nashville.[43]

Andrew J. Moore's Primitive Baptist Church, Gardners Township. Built about 1870. Photo about 1925 from Kate Ohno's ***Wilson County Architectural Heritage***, 1981.

Sarah Jane Williford Barnes may not have been in very good health at the time of the 1910 census because she died soon after the census was taken on the 3rd of June in 1911, and she was taken back to her home county to be buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. She was just one month short of her 63rd birthday.[44] Hickman Barnes could not be found on the 1920 census record. This writer knew where he was buried and when he died, so the problem of his where abouts was taken to the custodian of the Maplewood Cemetery to see if their records would offer some help in locating Hick Barnes during those final years of his life. Luck smiled down on the research once again as Mrs. Gayle Williams Haislip, the manager of the cemetery, produced a copy of H. D. Barnes' death certificate from the cemetery records. The record indicated that he spent his last years in the Old Soldiers' Home in Raleigh and that was where he died.[45] He was brought back to Wilson County by his daughter Virginia Barnes Lee and buried by his wife Sarah Jane Williford.[46]

Mrs. Haislip also supplied the address of a Lee relative of the Barnes family that was able to add some additional family information. Mrs. Marjorie Lee Haddock of Alexandria, Virginia corresponded with this writer and helped fill in some of the blank spaces in this Barnes family research history.[47] She told of Hickman's obituary and that record was found in *The Wilson Daily Times* on the date of Sept. 1st, 1932, under "Social Events". The following obituary supplies many useful family history bits of information:

**"Mr. H. D. Barnes**

"Mr. H. D. Barnes, father, of Mrs. J. D. Lee (Virginia/ Gennie Barnes) of this City departed this life at 10:30 o'clock last evening (31st Aug.1932) in the hospital of the Soldier's Home in Raleigh, where he has been confined for some time. Mr. Barnes' health has been poor for several years, and for the past five years he has been for the greater part of his time, confined to his bed. His funeral will be conducted from the residence of Mrs. Lee, located on Jackson Street in this city, at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning and the interment will be made in Maplewood Cemetery.

"Elder S. B. Denny will conduct the services assisted by Rev. E. C. Lynch pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

"Mr. Barnes lived to a ripe old age, and would have been ninety the 27th day of November.

"He has been a resident of Wilson County a greater part of his life and was a successful farmer and merchant, a good citizen and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

"He was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church and attended services whenever possible.

"He was also a brave Confederate Soldier, a member of the Jesse S. Barnes Camp of Confederate veterans of this county, and enlisted in Company 9, 5th N.C. Regiment, Captain Norman A. H. Godkin and Colonel Duncan McRae. He served through the Civil War and was wounded at Williamsburg, Va.

"Mr. Barnes leaves three daughters and one son as follows: Mrs. J. C. Moore of Whitakers, Mrs. J. D. Lee of Wilson, and Mrs. R. H. Pittman of Luray, Va. and Mr. Frank Barnes of Charleston, S. C."

Mrs. Haddock also furnished the enclosed picture of Hickman David Barnes [page 53]. The death certificate indicated that Thomas Yelverton Funeral Home provided the burial services for Hick. Their records were checked, and they graciously provided this writer with a copy of the "Record of Funeral" expenses. Mrs. J. D. Lee paid the cost of burial, and in those days it came to $164.00 as they laid Hickman Barnes in his final rest.[48]

The Lees were eventually buried on the same plot with Hickman and Sarah Barnes in the Maplewood Cemetery.[49] The other Hickman Barnes children such as the Pittmans were reported to be buried in Luray, Virginia. He was a minister there.[50] Frank Barnes may be buried in Charleston, S.C.[51] and the Moores as reported above were buried in the Whitakers Cemetery.

Endnotes and Comments:

1. "1940 Letter from J. J. Thorne to Wesley Doles, Sr. regarding the Burrell Barnes Family", submitted by J. Robert Boykin, III. Chart prepared by Sue E. Powell in the Wilson County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Nov. 2000, pg.6-

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7.
2. The exact farm locations of Hardy Flowers Barnes, William H. Skinner, Micajah Petway, John Gray Williams, the Gill, and Todd families are known to be in the boundaries described.
3. Wm. H. Skinner in W.C.G.S. Newsletter Apr. '97; J. G. Williams, Jan.'99, pgs. 6-8; J. L. Petway, Feb. '99 pgs. 5-6; & H. F. Barnes, Aug. 2000, pgs. 4-6.
4. J. J. Thorne's information came from his mother, father and H. D. Barnes. Thorne indicated that H. D. Barnes was dead at the time of his letter. Thorne identified 8 children of Hardy Flowers Barnes. Sue Powell in her pedigree chart identified the mother of the family as Unity Ellis.
5. Possible future subjects for the W.C.G.S. Newsletter: Old Aunt Jane Todd, Colonel Micajah Petway, and families such as the Gills, Todds, Armstrongs, Flowers, Skinners & etc.
6. Some families moved out of the state of N. C. to Virginia and South Carolina.
7. Thomas Amos Gooch's old home on Rosebud Church Road is presently owned and lived in by grandson Charles Gooch & family.
8. The old H. F. Barnes home is pictured in Kate Ohno's book: *Wilson Co. Architectural Heritage,* pg. 72, no.48, "Barnes House". It originally was on the north side of the Rosebud Church Road but was later moved to the south side. Only a few years ago was it demolished.
9. The graveyard is located in the woods behind the T. A. Gooch home. At least five Gooch family members are buried there but all without headstones.
10. "Tiney" Barnes, listed as a daughter of H. F. Barnes, might actually be Melvina or Alvina Barnes.
11. The spouses of Joseph, William & Wiley Gray Barnes are not known by this writer. Britton and Alvina died unmarried.
12. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr. *1850 Edgecombe Co. Census* & Joan Howell *1860 Wilson Co. Census.*
13. Joseph & William Barnes appear to vanish early from the public record. Alvina was not found between the years of 1880 & 1910.
14. Albert R. Page, Sr., H. F. Barnes Aug. 2000 pgs. 4-6 W. C.G.S. Newsletter.
15. Joseph, William, Wiley Gray and Hickman Barnes were of age.
16. *N.C. Troops Vol. IV,* pgs. 210-211.
17. Same source above & H. D. Barnes' military record in the National Archives.
18. H. D. Barnes was born 27th Nov. 1842. He was likely only 18 years old when he enlisted in the army.
19. J. Robert Boykin, III, *Marriages of W.C.,N.C. 1855-1899, Vol.1 A-L,* pg. 73 for H. D. Barnes & Sarah J. Williford.
20. Headstone in Maplewood Cemetery.
21. Headstone in Whitakers Cemetery.
22. H. F. Barnes graveyard: headstone of H. D. Barnes & S. J.'s female infant.
23. Micro film of 1880 Edgecombe Co. Census, E. District 525, line 19.
24. Same source above.
25. Wilson Co. land records Deed Book 35, pg. 496, refers to a survey by James W. Taylor of Hardy F. Barnes' land earlier and suggest a land division by lots between his sons. W. G. Barnes and others were mentioned. No record in Special Proceedings in the Superior Court of Wilson Co. could be found that would have contained this information.
26. H. F. Barnes graveyard and Edgecombe Co. land records for H. F. Barnes in the courthouse from 1828 to 1852.
27. J. Robert Boykin, III, *Wills of Wilson County, N. C.* pg. 5 under H. F.Barnes.28.
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30. Same source above & marriage record of J. H. Barnes to S. E. Bass in Boykin *Vol. I Marriages*, pg. 73.
31. H. F. Barnes graveyard.
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34. Marjorie Lee Haddock letter to Albert Page 29 June 2000.
35. Boykin, *Marriages Vol.I* Nannie Barnes to Julius C. Moore.
36. Same source above *Vol.II* Elizabeth "Bettie" Barnes to R. H. Pittman.
37. Joan Howell, *1900 Wilson Co. Census* no.134, pg. 319 for H. D. Barnes family.
38. Same source above.
39. Bradley, *1902-1908 Voter Registration List, Wilson Co. N.C.* pg. 1 for Hickman D. Barnes.
40. Whitakers Cemetery for Alvina Barnes.
41. Boykin *1880 Wilson Co. Census* H. F. Barnes family; No Alvina Barnes was found in the 1900 Wilson Co. Census record.
42. Whitakers Cemetery for the Moore family members.
43. Nash Co. death certificate for Alvina Barnes in the courthouse in Nashville.
44. Maplewood Cemetery headstone for Sarah Jane Williford Barnes.
45. H. D. Barnes's Wake Co. death certificate. Personal copy in writer's file.
46. Same source above & Maplewood Cemetery for H. D. Barnes.
47. Letters from Marjorie Lee Haddock to Albert Page: 29 June, 31 July & 7 Aug., 2000.
48. Thomas Yelverton Funeral Home record: "Record of Funeral" for H. D. Barnes.
49. Maplewood Cemetery Barnes/Lee plot.
50. M. L. Haddock 29 June 2000 letter to Albert Page.
51. Hickman D. Barnes obituary in The Wilson Daily Times for 1 Sept. 1932.

**Bunches Church**
**Black Creek**
One of the oldest black congregations in Wilson County. The church was built in the late 1800s on land donated by G. J. Evans

## *The Wilson Times*
### Friday, April 17, 1896
Contributed by Richard F. Barnes

### Locals

Wilson now has a hack to meet the trains.

Last Tuesday was a regular summer's day.

The cotton market is very slow this week, sales light and prices varying.

The tobacco sales have been very light this week, the season being practically ended.

The Sewerage company is rapidly sewering the town and now have about 175 hands on the ditches.

The tobacco warehouse men and members of the Board of Trade had a seining frolic last Monday evening at Wiggin's Mill. They had a fine time and caught some nice fish.

About thirty of the telephones of the new system are up and the force is working as rapidly as possible to get up the remainder of the sixty-five, as that number of names have been secured for phones.

The Goldsboro Dramatic company will appear at the Opera House this evening. They will play "Among the Breakers" although the company is a ameteur [sic.] one, the people may expect something good.

Gay's Ministrel, a local club, gave an entertainment last Wednesday night at the Opera House. Wilson has some good singers and the members of this colored club are not among the poorest.

Col. A. Q. Holliday of the State Agricultural College, says that Mr. Henry Blount's "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," is one of the finest productions he has ever heard. Mr. Blount now has thirty engagements ahead.

Last week while Mrs. W. J. Davis and Miss Maggie Parker were out driving, a shaft broke and the horse becoming frightened, commenced to run. The ladies were thrown out and the buggy was smashed to peices [sic.], but the occupants were fortunately only badly scared.

We understand that Mr. Tom Washington, has resigned the Captaincy of the Wilson Light Infantry. This he deemed necessary as his lameness incapacitated him for active service. Mr. Washington was a very efficient officer and the company loses a good man, and one who worked hard for the organization.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brodie, mother of Mrs. Ella Brodie of this city, died last Sunday morning at her home near Henderson. She was well known here and has many friends. She was quite old. The funeral was preached there Monday afternoon and was attended by the entire family, also numerous friends.

To-night, the young ladies of the Wilson Military Academy will give their Dress Rehearsal which was postponed from last Friday night. This is given for the benefit of the Victoria Literary Society Library and being for such a worthy object the people should turn out and help the young ladies who have labored so tirelessly to give a good entertainment.

The following officers of the Wilson Light Infantry were elected last week at the annual election: Richard Winstead, Captain; T. M. Anderson, Jr., 1st Lieutenant; J. B. Rountree, 2nd Leuitenat [sic.]. The Company has made good selections and Wilson may feel assured of a company which will sustain the W. L. I., good reputation.

Farmers will resume hauling fertilizers very fast as soon as it rains so that other work can not be done. A big cotton crop will be planted, but as long as the price is kept down by men gambling in futures the price will be low. Some men who pretend to be leaders of thought, and who should be above reproach in this particular are the ones who are the agents of the gamblers of the community, even if they do not gamble themselves.

[Editor's note. Copied as printed.]

### PERSONALS

[Editor's note: Part of this article was missing leaving several items with gaps in the text.]

Mrs. Sid Woo__ ___ned yesterday.

Mr. O. W. Pierce of _eldon is in the city.

Mrs. P. Bunn left la__ Friday for Washington.

Mr. Henry Pannell left yesterday for Petersburg.

Mr. Joseph Gulley of Raleigh was in the city last Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. Carter, of Raleigh, was in town last Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Rice of LaGrange was in the city last Saturday.

Mr. Joe Best was in Toisnot last Wednesday for a short while.

Prof. Jas. W. Hayes, of Toisnot, was in the city last Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Deans returned from a trip to Rocky Mount last Friday.

Mrs. W. W. White left last Friday for a short visit to Kinston, N. C.

Mr. H. G. Fulcher of Beaufort has accepted a position on *The Times.*

We were glad to see our old friend Mr. Ben Bronson in town last Monday.

Mr. John Stronach, of Raleigh was in the city last Wednesday on business.

Mrs. N. F. Felton left Saturday for a short trip to relatives in Sharpsburg.

Mrs. Ed. Stallings of Smithfield is visiting at her father's, Mr. T. J. Herring's.

Elder P. D. Gold and daughter Miss Bessie, left last Friday for Rocky Mount.

Mr. Henry Blount lectured last Friday night at the A. & M. College in Raleigh.

Mr. Jim Mehagan of Tarboro passed through yesterday on his way to New Bern.

Mr. J. A. Crews, of the *Wilmington Messenger* was in the city last Saturday.

Mr. Howard Best returned last Friday night from a month's trip to Baltimore.

Mr. W. E. Warren and Majo_ _no. F. Bruton returned yesterday from Wilmington.

Mr. Howard Jones returned last Friday from a visit to his old home in Warrenton.

Mr. F. M. Winstead, formerly of Wilson but now of Newbern, was in the city this week.

Mr. F. W. Barnes, President of the First National Bank, left last Wednesday for Smithfield.

Mr. Arch Copeland left last Friday for a business trip to Durham, returning on Saturday.

Mr. Bob Wyatt left last Sunday for Darlington, S. C., where he will establish a branch business.

Col. E. G. Harrell of Raleigh, was in the city this week attending the funeral of Mr. E. M. Nadal.

Mr. F. L. Pippen of Enfield was in town last Wednesday attending the funeral of Mr. E. M. Nadal.

Miss Sadie Hardy, who has been visiting at Mr. Kinchen Watson's left last

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Tuesday for Kinston.

Mr. Gabriel M. Royall, of Goldsboro, formerly of the Argus, has accepted a position on *The Times.*

Mayor Fountain and wife of Tarboro were in the city a few hours yesterday en route to New Bern.

Mrs. Andrew Moore who has been visiting relatives in the city left last Friday for her home in Whitakers.

Mrs. Ed. And Chas. Wooten of Wilmington spent last Sunday at their fathers' Mr. W. P. Wootens.

Mr. Will Lee, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned last Tuesday to his home in Greenville.

Mr. Jno. E. Woodard returned last Friday from Greenville where he has been attending to professional business.

Mr. R. H. Ricks, one of the most prominent men of Na__ __unty, was in the city last Wednesday for a short while.

Rev. N. C. _____ of Trinity School, as in _____ few hours last Tuesday, _____ way to the wedding of _____ ev. I. W. Hughs, at _____.

Mr. Ludlew, the civil engineer in charge of the sewerage system for the city, left yesterday for Richmond.

Mr. W. H. Applewhite, of Saratoga, was in the city last Wednesday attending the funeral of Mr. E. M. Nadal.

Miss Mamie Boykin who has been visiting her brother, Mr. W. J. Boykin, left last Saturday for Richmond, Va.

Mr. Berry Simpson, who has been at his brothers,' Mr. Simpsons, for the last few days, left yesterday for the north.

Mrs. T. A. Gatlin, who has been spending a few days with friends in the city left yesterday for her home in Tarboro.

Mr. L. W. Grissom and wife, of Durham, who have been here for a few days, left last Wednesday for Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Hugh Murray, accompanied by Miss Pansy Suggs, left last Friday for Snow Hill, where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. R. H. Grantham, accompanied by Miss Ruth Clark, left last Saturday for a short trip to Edgecombe to visit relatives.

Mr. Lewis Brodie, returned last Wednesday night from Henderson, where he went to attend the funeral of his grandmother.

Rev. Mr. Rood, the pastor of the Baptist church of this city left last Wednesday night for Norfolk on a very important mission.

Mr. H. L. Fentress, of Wilmington, who has been here for a few days attending the funeral of Mr. C. [sic.] M. Nadal, left last Wednesday for his home.

Messrs. J. J. Whitaker, F. L. Pippen, H. C. Atkinson and C. E. McGwigan of Enfield, were in the city last Wednesday representing the St. Aldemar Commandery of Knights Templars at the burial of Mr. E. M. Nadal.

Copied retaining punctuation as originally printed.

## JOHN VICKERS, JR.

### From the Hugh Johnston Vickers Family file

John Vickers, Jr., son of John Vickers, Sr., and wife Mary _____, resided for many years in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

On June 2, 1785, John (x) Vickers of Edgecombe County deeded to his daughter Charlotte Vickers for love about 350 acres south of Town Creek; witnessed by Samuel (x) Vickers, John Morris, Sr., and George White (Edgecombe County, Deed Book 4, p. 266). On January 15, 1790, John (x) Vickers and Charlot (x) Vickers of Edgecombe County sold Raif Vickers for £125.0.0 Virginia currency the same tract of 360 acres south of Town Creek; witnessed by John Morris and Jacob Morris (Deed Book 5, p. 488).

John Vickers was not listed in the Edgecombe County Census of 1790, but it is not impossible that he was the John Vickers listed in Iredell County with himself, three males under sixteen, and one female (Heads of Families, etc., North Carolina: 1790 (Washington, D.C., 1908), p. 158).

Children of John and ____Vickers:

1. Charlotte Vickers

## DEATH OF AGED PLANTER

### Jonathan H. Applewhite Seccumbs [sic] to Case of Acute Indigestion – Funeral Services Held in Stantonsburg; Interment in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson.

### (Special to News and Observer)

Submitted by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson, July 23—Friday afternoon last [July 22, 1910] Mr. Jonathan H. Applewhite, a popular, prominent and wealthy planter who resided about one mile from Wilson, on South Tarboro street, extended, while on a visit to his daughterm [sic] Mrs. J. Caney Brown, in Moyeton, was seized with an attack of acute indigestion, and, after intense and excruciating suffering, lasting for six hours, he expired.

Deceased was in his seventy-eigth [sic] year, and it is said that never during life had he been confined to his home a day at a time on account of sickness. For the past two or three days he had been complaining of not feeling quite well, nevertheless he kept on the move, leaving Wilson for a visit to his old home last Friday morning.

Mr. Applewhite had been married twice- the first time to a Miss [Lucretia] Whitley, of Johnston county by whom one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Farrior, of Wilson, is now living; the second marriage he contracted was with Miss Sarah [Vines] Bynum, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Reuben Bynum, of Wilson county. By this union six children survive him—Mrs. L. P. Woodard, Mrs. J. Caney Brown, Mrs. Harry Wainwright, Miss Maud Applewhite, Miss Mena Applewhite and Mr. Marvin Applewhite, all of whom reside in Wilson.

Deceased was a devout member of the Methodist church, a prominent Mason and and [sic] ex-Confederate soldier.

The funeral services were conducted in the Stantonsburg Methodist church this afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Martin, under the auspices of Joseph Warren Lodge, N. 92, A. F. and A. M. after which the body was brought to Wilson and interred in Maplewood cemetery.

## Minutes, April 24, 2001

The April 24, 2001 meeting of the Wilson County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Carol M. Forbes. There were 15 people present. Members and guest were welcomed. The Minutes of last months meeting stood as written in *Trees of Wilson* . Henry Powell, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. On going projects, Wilson County Cemeteries Vol. V, and Wilson County Founding Families, were mentioned. New business: field trip planned for May 22, 2001. There will not be a meeting in the Wilson County Public Library on the May 22, as we are going to Olivia Raney Library in Raleigh, NC that night -arrival time about 6:30 PM. Those present were asked to mark their calendars so as not to miss the trip to the Olivia Raney Library.

Our guest speaker, Pat Godwin of the Johnston County Genealogical Society, was introduced by Sue Powell. Mrs. Godwin shared with us her research into the Revolutionary hero and German immigrant, Dr. Bodo Otto who was her great-great-grandfather. She sent letters to people she did not know but found mentioned in family letters and received an over whelming response. She presented a trip through history telling of the life and times of Dr. Bodo Otto as a physician at Valley Forge and personal friend of George Washington. It was a most interesting account of his life and a history lesson as well. The presentation was enjoyed by all present. After the meeting was dismissed, members and guest were able to view the materials she had with her and had a chance to ask more questions of Mrs. Godwin. Respectfully submitted by Carol M. Forbes in the absence of Lenore Smith, Secretary .

## Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members in the spring of each year.

## MR. BURT FERRELL

**By W. H. Davis**
**Printed in *The Wilson Daily Times***
**August 8, 1919**
**Submitted by J. Robert Boykin**

Not long since I was riding through a section of Nash county bordering on the Wilson county line, and passed by the old home of the late W. B. Ferrell, better and more familiarly known to older citizens of Wilson as Burt Ferrell. Strangers stood in the yard and new faces were at the doors. My memory instinctively drifted back to the days when I used to frequently pass through that section of county and stop at Mr. Ferrell's, where my natural fondness for horses and dogs, etc., could be gratified and also to hear Uncle Burt tell of the many wonderful bursts of speed his horse had shown at times and about the money brought back to good old Nash by the great chicken fighters, Arrington & Williams, to whom he furnished many of their best birds. For these people to gather up one hundred or more Game cocks and meet their opponents at Norfolk, Richmond or some other appointed city, and fight chickens a week or two was in those days a great sport, and is said to have made Nash famous for Game cocks and fire water. All of which has now passed away and left only the fond recollection of a fragrant Christmas egg-nog for nothing under the sun can give them as delightful taste and rich and lingering farewell as a little Nash brandy.

Mr. Ferrell always kept a fine bred stock horse, a bunch of red hounds, a yard full of the best varieties of Game chickens, including the Tennessee Blues, Kentucky Dominicks, War Horses, etc. He was so confident of the superiority of the horse he owned. He kept him about 12 years and then raised one of his colts, which he kept 8 or 9 years and then a colt from the son was kept a number of years, making three generations, father, son and grandson. To all of these animals he was devotedly attached. The old horse was, he claimed, a direct descendant of Sir Archer, the famous imported English stallion. Mr. Ferrell was an unique character. I don't know whether or not Mr. Ferrell had the opportunity for a very liberal education. Neither do I claim that he was possessed of a super abundance of knowlege [sic.] such as is imparted at our schools and colleges, but when it came down to the lessons which were daily taught in the great university of experience and nature there were few who had learned more than he of the ways of man, the habits and instincts of animals, and the flowers and fruits of the field. Mr. Ferrell was a member of a cavalry company in the Confederate Army, the late Capt. F. W. Barnes was captain of the company and I have heard Mr. Barnes say that when for any reason the commissary of his company became depleted and rations scarcer, all he had to do was call up "Burt" and make it known and next morning for breakfast either chicken, pork or beef was at hand. In other words he could hear a chicken crow, a pig grunt, or a calf bleat further than any man he had in his company.

Mr. Ferrell was an excellent trader and it was a favorite past time of his. Upon one occasion he brought to Wilson a milch [sic.] cow to see [sell] and was offering her at a price. Several became interested after uncle Burt had decanted upon the cow's unusual milk and butter making qualities, whereupon one of the prospective purchasers said if he only knew something of the breeding of the cow he might see his way clear to pay the price. Instantly Mr. Ferrell was equal to the occasion, and said he had letters at home to prove that her dame was brought over from England and she was sired by Blackwell's Durham bull. Of course the sale was consummated.

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## President's Message

July 4, 2001 is the 225th anniversary of our nation's independence from Great Britain. King George III was guilty of the same offenses against the American people that Charles and James had been guilty of against Englishmen. We Americans were three thousands miles away from England. Instead of compelling George III to sign another Declaration of Rights, we resolved that George III should no longer be our ruler. We declared ourselves free and independent of the tyranny of Great Britain. The result was the Declaration of Independence.

The first part of the document set forth a declaration of principles in which certain inalienable rights are defined and a justification is given for declaring the thirteenth colonies free of the English government.

The second part gives a list of grievances against King George III. Its is a serious indictment of the king's conduct and is given as proof that the thirteenth colonies ought to be free.

"When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the cause which impel them to the separation."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;" .....

There is not enough room here of course to give all of the words in The Declaration of Independence. As one reads this great document one can't help but feel a sincere pride in our forefathers, especially in Thomas Jefferson, the author of The Declaration of Independence.

As you enjoy your July 4th this year, take a moment to recognize our forefathers who fought to give us this Independence Day. Have a Happy July fourth !

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President

## June 25th Meeting

This is our annual social meeting, held each year at a location which allows for dining and conversation.

Again this year we meet at the home of Mary Anne and Jack Sheak at 1903 Hermitage Road NW. Hermitage Road crosses Forest Hills Road near the Travel Shoppe, between Ward Blvd and Canal Drive. The Sheak home is the first on the right after turning onto Hermitage to the South. Call Mary Anne at 243-2035 if you need more specific directions.

We assemble at about 6:30 and eat and talk for a couple of hours. You will need to bring a contribution for the food table. We like to encourage "local dishes" to help remember the flavor of our heritage. Barbecue, brunswick stew, cornsticks, banana pudding, coconut cake, fried chicken, string beans, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, greens (if you must), sweet potatoes, all bring back memories. We hope that Grace Turner will play hostess again this year with her exotic table décor and wonderful surprises.

Bring along anything new that you might want to share in the way of family history items. Or wear your granny dress and poke bonnet if you want to make this truly authentic. Sorry, we won't have any stabling for your mule at this event. A horseless carriage would be more suitable.

Y'all come now, and set a spell. We'll be right happy to have you!

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## *The Wilson Rifles*, COMPANY B, 2ND NORTH CAROLINA REGIMENT OF STATE TROOPS

Armies are composed of units of varying sizes, from corps, into divisions, into brigades, then battalions, into regiments and finally into companies. The company is the basic unit of any army. Men live, eat, march, fight and die with their companies, and the company becomes their family during their military service. In today's army, companies are composed of men from every race and creed, from around the country. During the War Between the States, towns, counties or areas of counties raised companies, and the men who comprised these companies were sometimes fathers and sons, brothers, cousins or close friends. It is said that men fight best and are willing to die more readily when surrounded by those they know and love.

The "Wilson Rifles" were formed and enlisted in Wilson beginning on May 27, 1861. Ordered to Camp Advance, near Garysburg, in Northampton County, it was added as Company B to the Second Regiment of North Carolina State Troops. From this point, the movements and actions of the company are melded with those of the entire Second Regiment. This regiment was one of the first 10 regiments of the State Troops, honored with a regimental battle flag from the state of North Carolina. The flag, looking much like the state flag of 1861, was unlike the battle flag of the Army of Virginia. Theirs is one of only three of those ten flags still in existence and is in the North Carolina State Archives & History Museum (though not currently on display).

The Second Regiment, including the "Wilson Rifles", covered itself with

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## Family Connections • Wilson Daily Times May 15, 2001

More Newsome Family

We continue this month with details on the branches of our local Newsome family.

In the April 17 issue of the Wilson Daily Times, we described the history of the Newsome family in England and ended with the arrival in Virginia in 1635 of William Newsome, age 21, who settled on the south side of the James River near Lawnes Creek on land later called Rich Neck. He was granted 550 acres of land as bounty for the transportation of eleven persons to America.

William married three times and left several children. The area where he lived is still known as Newsome's Corner and is located on Virginia Route 10 between Smithfield and Surry Court house, just above Lawnes Creek.

Isle of Wight County and Surry County were the points of origin for many of our local families but are almost empty nests when it comes to finding people there today who are related to our ancestors. The great emigration came in the 18th century and was over before 1800. The tobacco culture of that area peaked early, and as the land fertility declined, families moved on to find better land. The last tobacco was shipped from Smithfield, Virginia, by 1730. The area is known today for hams and peanuts.

William Newsome, Jr.was born 1648, inherited the Rich Neck farm from his father, and married Ann Sheppard in 1668. Ann was the daughter of Major Robert Sheppard and Elizabeth Spencer. William was closely associated with Arthur Allen of Bacon's Castle, and they entered into several land ventures together. Allen, an English immigrant of about 1665, built a fine brick home which still stands, one of the oldest houses in Virginia. William was an early slave owner, indicating that his religion was probably the state religion (Church of England, later Episcopal). William and Ann had 6 children.

John Newsome was born 1672 and married Sarah Crawford in 1694. Sarah was descended from the nearby Carter family. They had 13 children, from whom may be traced Newsome descendents all over America. The family still lived at Newsome's Corner, also known as Lower Chippokes. John died in 1724.

Joel Newsome was born in 1717 and died in 1752 in Northampton County, North Carolina. He married Rebecca Dickenson. His first child, Hosea, settled in Hertford County NC. We will follow Hosea's descendants into Wilson County further along. There were six other children, four of whom moved to North Carolina. Joel and Rebecca had become active members of the Rich Square Monthly Friends Meeting, along with fellow future Wilsonians Robert Peele, James Stanton, and others.. Three of their sons moved to Dobbs (later Wayne and Wilson) County near Great Swamp between Black Creek and Fremont.

Joel Newsome, Jr. was born in 1742 in Surry County, Virginia. He married Penelope, and they lived on Quaker Road (now RR 1550) in Dobbs (now Wayne) County. The local Friends met in members' homes until their new Contentnea Monthly Meeting House was built on Joel's farm. This meeting was held until about 1850 when a new Friends meeting was established at Nahunta, which still meets there. Joel Jr. did not follow the Quaker faith and later became a Baptist. Joel, Jr. died in 1818. His descendant still farm some of his original land today.

The second brother to settle in Dobbs County was William, born in 1745, who married Mary Jordan. They had about 1,000 acres between

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## Early Baseball in Wilson

From the files of Hugh Johnson

*The Tarboro' Southerner* of June 12, 1874, carried this unusual item: "Base Ball.—A match game between the Wilson Collegiate Base Ball Club and the "Tar Heels," of this city, takes place at the Commons this evening. A dance, complimentary to the Wilson club, will be given at the Teel Hall tonight. Do your best, "Tar Heels," you fight upon your native heath."

The issue of July 24, 1874, continued: "Base Ball Match. Pursuant to a challenge sent to the Stonewall Base Ball Club by the Wilson Club, which was accepted by the former, a match game was played upon the base ball ground in the Commons Wednesday evening. At the end of the third ins the Stonewalls had made four or five rounds more than the competition, but on the fourth the Wilson Club succeeded in playing an extraordinarily successful game which the Stonewalls were not able to overcome, and the result was a complete victory for the Wilson Club, the score being 40 to 14.

"The Wilson Club is composed of splendid material, is tastily uniformed, well drilled, and stands as the champion club of North Carolina. Their generosity to their unsuccessful but gallant foe, in giving the first cheer for the fallen, is worthy of commendation. It is due the Stonewall Club to mention that they have had but little practice, the nine that played Wednesday having never played together before.

"The Hop given to the Wilson Club by the Stonewalls was a nice affair and much enjoyed."

On July 10, 1879, we read that "The Wilson and Rocky Mount colored baseball clubs played a match game at this place [Rocky Mount] on the 4th instant. Wilson came off victorious. After the game two of the Wilson club, not thinking they had had enough sport for the day, went out and had a pugilistic contest, for which they were arraigned before His Honor, Mayor Armstrong, and, not being able to pay the fine, were committed to the town lock-up."

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Black Creek and Fremont. Both brothers were neighbors to Elisha Bass and John Lucas and intermarried with those families. Many Newsome descendants are buried in the Newsome and Lucas cemetery in Lucama.

A third brother, David, settled near Joel and William, and the fourth brother, John, settled on the south side of Contentnea Creek in (then) Johnston County.

Returning to Hosea who was born in 1740, married Mary and left a trail of descendants in Hertford County leading to Joseph Thomas, born in 1850. Joseph Thomas moved to Wilson County and married Lucy Williford in 1879. Elder P. D. Gold officiated (he was the founder of the Wilson Daily Times). Joseph Thomas and Lucy are ancestors to the Newsomes in upper Wilson County, and cousins to the Newsomes of lower Wilson County who descend from Joel Jr., William, David, and John. We are grateful to an Internet Daily Times reader in Richmond who read the April column and pointed the way to the Nash County (later Wilson County) group of Newsomes.

Report prepared by Henry & Sue Powell

## Barefoot's Chapel

from *Black Creek: The First One Hundred Years,* published 1984. This chapter was written by Ruby Shackleford.

One of the popular churches in the early history of Black Creek Township was Barefoot's Chapel situated at Barefoot's Mill, now called Wiggins Mill on Highway 301 south of Wilson. On April 12, 1869, A. J. and Zilphia Barefoot and G. W. and Martha Eleanor Barefoot sold land to T. J. Meacham, K. H. Winstead, Willie Daniel, William Jay, and William Murray, trustees of the chapel. The lot, measuring one hundred five feet wide and two hundred ten feet deep, was on the road that crossed Contentnea Creek where the highway now runs. The deed was witnessed by T. J. Meacham.

In 1870, Jack and George Barefoot built the wooden church on the bank of Contentnea Creek approximately where Bryant Lamm operated a grocery store for many years. That store is still in operation, having changed ownership several times.

George Barefoot in 1870 was a 46-year-old farmer who owned real estate worth $56,000 and personal property valued at $5,000 according to notes taken from a master's thesis entitled: George Washington Barefoot, A Man of His Time, by Jeffrey W. Barefoot (Applachian State University, 1978).

The following list of ministers who served the church is assembled from Business Directories of Wilson, edited by Hugh B. Johnston:

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|---|---|
| 1872 | F. W. Wood |
| 1878 | R. A. Willis |
| 1884 | J. R. Brooks |
| 1887 | W. E. Wiley |
| 1896 | B. B. Culbirth |

The Barefoot's School adjacent to the church was torn down (after having served as Cash William's pack barn) when Highway 301 was changed to four lanes in 1957. I have not been able to determine when the church was demolished. The building was sold at public auction sometime prior to the widening of the highway which occurred in 1945.

*[From Hugh B. Johnston's Files]*

"For two years or more before I moved to Raleigh," wrote the late Josephus Daniels, "I went every Sunday morning to Barefoot's Mill on Contentnea Creek and conducted a Sunday School, which was attended by old and young in that section. It was four miles from Wilson. I had no horse or means of transportation, and Mr. Tom Hadley, who had a fine horse and buggy, volunteered to give me the use of them for the religious work … . On one Sunday in every month the Methodist minister in Wilson preached at Barefoot's Chapel … . Mr. George W. Barefoot, who owned the Mill where people came to have their grain converted into meal or flour, was the main support of Barefoot's Chapel, and he and his wife were hospitable to the highest degree. I enjoyed many meals at their friendly home.

"The big event of the year to Sunday School children in Wilson was the picnic at Barefoot's Mill, with fishing and swimming and games in Contentnea Creek. It was fun to watch the corn being turned into meal and wheat into flour. As usual in those days, the old mills run by water were the center of political, social, and religious gatherings."

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glory, fighting in most of the engagements of the Army of Northern Virginia, Lee's two invasions of the North, and Early's attack on Washington in 1864. It was grievously involved in the battles of Sharpsburg (Antietam), Chancellorsville, and Spotsylvania Court House, with 28 killed or mortally wounded in these three battles. Those wishing to read a battle history of the regiment should read the many books on the campaigns of the Army of Northern Virginia because the Regiment was there. Those preferring a narrative of the Regiment should read *A Portion of My Life* by William M. Norman. He was a member of Company A from Garysburg until captured at Kelly's Ford in 1864.

During the course of the War, records show a total of 201 men served the company. I believe this number to be inflated by at least three, possibly more, which I will detail later in this article. As with any military unit, men come and go with wounds, illness or assignment and become lost to the regiment by death, capture, discharge, wounds or desertion. Some are released due to illness, family need or a more important duty in the army or civilian world. We do know, from the *North Carolina Troops 1861-1865 A Roster* edited by Louis H. Manarin and *Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in the Great War 1861-'65* (sometimes referred to as Clark's *Regiments*) edited by Walter Clark; that Company B was heavily involved in many engagements and took severe casualties during the War. Using a figure of 198 officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men, 73 *(36.9%)* died from battle, illness or accident. Only 14 men were present to be paroled at Appomattox, 7% of the total regimental strength during the conflict. The company lost 39 (19.7%) due to battle related death, 34 due to death by illness or accident. A staggering 80 (40%) of the men were wounded at least once, 13 being wounded twice and 4 unfortunates three times. Fifty-seven , not including the 14 honorably paroled at Appomattox, were capture during the conflict. Only one man deserted without returning, but 20 disappear or were unaccounted for at the end of the War. The records of the time being very sketchy and inaccurate, it is not appropriate to assume that any or all deserted. Many of these were on excused absence due to wounds or assignments, others became separated from the unit during early April.

At Sharpsburg, also called Antietam by the North, the company was present in the crucible of the Bloody Lane, suffering 18 casualties: 10 killed or mortally wounded, 6 wounded and 2 captured. This battle is often referred to as the bloodiest day in American history. It was bloody for Wilson County, but actually less so than Chancellorsville in May of 1863 where the company lost 8 killed or mortally wounded and 19 wounded during the three-day engagement. This battle left the company with perhaps 63 men fit for duty. At Spottsylvania a year later, 6 were killed on May 12, 1864, 10 during the campaign.

Wilson was not a very populous county at the time and to lose as many as 69 of her sons would have a devastating effect upon the society and the economic future of the county. The *History of Wilson County and Its Families* indicated that a dozen infantry companies were raised in the War, between 1,200 and 1,500 from a population of 9,700 in 1860. This seems a bit inflated to me as not all the enlistees or the dead would have been a Wilson County native. But consider that if you multiply the total death in one company by just 10 companies, the mortality rate is staggering. Yet you will find no monument in the Bloody Lane or on the field at Sharpsburg etched with the names of the 10 Wilsonians who died there: John Howard, Captain of the Company, Alsey Eatman, Jacob H. Flowers, James E. Flowers, Mack C. Kelley, Henry Mercer, Morrison T. Owens, Raiford Thompson and Watson Wells. These men, and their brothers and comrades lie in unmarked graves in Maryland and Virginia, leaving grieving families at home to mourn for decades after the War. We must remember them and their sacrifice.

I know of no memoir or diary of a member of Company B. It would seem possible that Captain John C. Gorman, as the publisher of the *Flag of the South* newspaper in Wilson in April of 1861, would have kept a journal. Without first hand information, I have attempted to put together a chronology of the company's history, using the service histories of the men and filling in historical data around the dates. The rosters and muster rolls of the company are incomplete and the service records of the company leave many gaps. The rosters are non-existent after the fall of 1864, and there was little time for record keeping in the final weeks of the War. We must follow the history of the Second Regiment to place this company in an historical perspective. I have attempted to prepare a complete roster with genealogical information. For this I used the best-published sources available, supplemented by research on selected records of company members. *[This roster will be published in installments: Editor]*

Reviewing some of the microfilm and note cards in the State Archives, seeing how difficult they are to read and decipher the writing, I have nothing but admiration for Moore, Clark, Manarin and the unnamed legion who labored to compile the splendid body of works on North Carolinians in Confederate service. I would never attempt to reconstruct the roster from scratch. That said, I believe there are at least three errors in Manarin's roster of Co. B, which need to be addressed. Three names just did not seem to fit: Asa T. Harrell, William R. Kale and William Logan.

First, let's look at Private William Logan, for he is the most obvious misfit. He was captured at Murfreesboro (Stone's River), Tennessee on December 30, 1862. Not only did the Co. B., 2nd Regiment not participate in that battle; they were never near Tennessee during the entire War. On that date, the company was in winter camp on the banks of the Rappahannock River in Virginia. A review of Logan's prison documentation indicates that he was reported to be acting under an assumed name. and there was question whether his name was really Loomis. Since Confederate soldiers carry no "dog tags" and little personal identification, Federal authorities asked and wrote down the information they received from captives. It would be easy for anyone wishing to change his identity to do so. For my statistical review, I have discharged Pvt. Logan from Co. B.

Now to the remaining two, and I lump them together for that is apparently how their story plays out. Private Asa T.

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Harrell and Private William R. Kale were captured June 1, 1864 in Norfolk County or Princess Anne County, Virginia. Co.B. was entrenched at Cold Harbor on June 1, far from the southside of Virginia (which, incidentally, was behind enemy lines at the time). Both men were sent first to Fortress Monroe, both claimed to have resided in and enlisted from Norfolk County, and both were eventually transferred to Elmira prison camp in New York. Asa died in January of 1865 of chronic diarrhea. There were some notes that he may have been under an assumed name. From the record cards on microfilm, he may be buried at the National Cemetery under the name of Asa T. Howell and from the 28th, not 2nd North Carolina. Kale took the oath at Elmira and paroled May 29, 1865. His records changed to show his name as William R. Cole or Cale. I believe that neither of these men were members or could have been captured from the Company and therefore drop them from the statistics, although they and Logan remain on the roster.

There is a fourth candidate who may be a false member of Co.B., but here evidence is not as hard and fast as with the first three. Private William Stokes, no record of enlistment or transfer, was captured at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. Company B was in a fixed position during the second and third days (July 3 and 4) and withdrew uneventfully on the night of July 4. The company lost no other man on the 3rd although two were captured during the battle. What makes Mr. Stokes a man of mystery is the notation in his card from Point Lookout prison camp that he arrived under an assumed name. I have kept him on the roster, but without further information, he will remain a questionable member of Co.B.

Location, circumstance, and falsification of names records have led me to remove three from the roster of Co. B., but there is ample reason to believe that the roster of this company is incomplete and possibly inaccurate. Many of the men identified as residing in Wilson County at enlistment are not present in the 1860 census. While mistakes were frequently made by census takers and false names, ages and relations were given by those questioned, and the census was taken a year or more before these enlistments, it seems strange that so many do not appear in the Wilson census records. These were true members of the company because they were enlisted into or on the company roster. There are 44 names on the roster with no record of appointment, enlistment or transfer. Many of their names do not appear in the 1860 Wilson or Nash County census. Thirty-one appear only when they were paroled or came in for parole after Appomattox. Some of these men may have served honorably with the company, being added late in the War when other military organizations were disbanded or merged because of casualties. I have kept these on the roster until further information becomes available.

From the records, it becomes evident that the company, like the entire Army of Northern Virginia, disintegrated during the last weeks of the War. After pulling out of the trenches in front of Petersburg, the unit crossed the Appomattox River and went through a series of marches necessitated by the enemy's movements. Many in the army were physically and mentally exhausted by four years of war and were in deplorable conditions due to a lack of food, shelter and clothing. At this point, some probably did desert or gave up and decide to head home. Confederate soldiers were notorious for acting independent of authority and taking unannounced, unauthorized furloughs. Others would have become stragglers from the column, dropping out due to hunger and exhaustion. It appears that many of these stragglers, those that did not fall into enemy hands at Petersburg, Burkeville, or Farmville, moved south into North Carolina in an effort to avoid capture or to join up with Gen. Joseph E. Johnson's Army of Tennessee near Greensboro. Twenty-two members of the company were paroled at Greensboro, Salisbury or Charlotte in April and May. That late in the War, their numbers would have been of little benefit to General Lee.

One of the more poignant facts to come from the roster is the large numbers of brothers who served together in the company. I can confirm or estimate at least twelve families with more than one son in the company, two had at least three and one had five. The sons of Hardy & Sarah Flowers, a set of five brothers whom I refer to as the "The Confederate Sullivans", all died in service within a three year period of their enlistment.

I make no claim to originality or perfection with the roster or chronology. Some is published fact, some an educated guess, some speculation. This information is provided to assist the genealogist in trying to piece together the military records of the members of Co. B and to demonstrate how their lives were altered by the great conflict. Some of the men did not survive the war to produce descendants, and for them this is an effort to remember them and their families of Wilson and Nash Counties, 1860 to 1865. I hope you find this information as useful as I find it fascinating, and I welcome your comments, criticisms and corrections.

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A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so will be listed in Trees in sections over coming months.

| SURNAME | GIVEN NAME | ENLISTED | AGE | RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anderson | W. H. | | | ??; Not in Wilson Co. 1860 Census |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; paroled at Greensboro 5/9/65 | | | | |
| Baitey | E. S. | | | ??; Not in Wilson Co. 1860 Census |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; paroled at Greensboro 5/16/95 | | | | |
| Barefoot | James H. | 6/2/1861 | 18 | Wilson Co. (1860 Census #534, age 16) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private, wounded in the Valley ('64); retired to Invalid Corp 5/6/64 & discharged due to paralysis of arm 11/10/64 | | | | Guiford & Ada Barefoot (1860 #534) |
| Barnes | Bunyan J.. | 5/27/1861 | 24 | Wilson Co. (1860 Census #82; age 22) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Sergeant then 1st Sergeant the 2nd Lieutenant then transferred to Co. D & C ; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1/62; captured Petersburg 4/2/65; imprisoned at Johnson's Island till Oath 6/18/65 | | | | Elias & Zilpha Barnes (1860 #82) |
| Barnes | Calvin | 5/16/1861 | | Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #368; age 21) |
| *Military Service Record* | | appointed | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| 1st Lieutenant then transferred to Co. A as Captain | | | | ?James D. Barnes (1860 #21) |
| Barnes | James | 5/27/1861 | 22 | Wilson Co.(1860 Census: either (1) James H. #297, age 21 or James #444, age 23 or James W. #746, age 18) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; killed at skirmish on Williamsburg Road, Richmond 6/21/62 | | | | |
| Barnes | William | 5/27/1861 | 27 | Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #779, age 27) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; died in hospital of typhoid fever 9/1/62 | | | | (?wife Elizabeth, 1860 #779) |
| Bass | John Hodge | 10/25/1864 | | ?? |
| *Military Service Record* | | *at camp* | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 | | | | |
| Bass | Jordan | 2/12/1862 | 35 | Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #672, age 32) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; present until 10/64 | | | | (?wife Mary, 1860 #672) |
| Batts | Joseph J. | 5/27/1861 | 21 | Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #643, age 19) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private then Corporal then Private; wounded at Charlottesville; captured at Fisher's Hill 9/22/64; imprisoned at Point Lookout till exchanged 3/17/65 | | | | ?Willie J., & Ann E. Batts, 1860 #643 |
| Batts | William C. | 2/12/1862 | 18 | Wilson Co. (1860 Census #643, age 18) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private then Corporal; wounded and captured Sharpsburg 9/17/62; exchanged; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 | | | | Willie J., & Ann E. Batts, 1860 #643 |
| Begmon | E. C. | | | Wilson Co. (not in 1860 Census of Wilson) |
| *Military Service Record* | | | | *Parents and/or Spouse* |
| Private; paroled at Goldsboro (4/65) | | | | |

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS

From the files of Hugh B. Johnston

### Amos Parramore

Amos Parramore served in the Revolutionary War while a resident of Pitt County and was granted 428 acres of land in Tennessee. He died several years prior to 1802, at which time his widow Lydia Parrimore was living in Carter County, Tennessee, with her four children.

A deposition by J. Williams states as follows: "This old acquaintance Mrs. Paromore is the daughter of Mrs. Cuningham who has long lived on buffaloe below where Father formerly lived. I formerly knew Amos Paromore before he went into the army & I knew him after he Came home & married this woman. Sir, She lives with her Mother & it would be a Charitable act for you to attend to her business & you will oblidge a Number of People by So doing."

### Solomon Andrews

In 1810 Major James Scarborough deposed as follows: "Solomon Andrew was a near Liver to him and That his wife Molley Andrew the Mother of John Andrew as he believes was a sister of William Copes … . That he never knew of any other of that family or that name except his son Francis Copes who it is said Died in the army."

In 1810 Mrs. Anne Forehand deposed that "her father Solomon Andrew married William Copes's sister … that she knew of no other family of Copes's but them, and that she believes John Andrew to be an heir of William and Francis Copes who died in the Service."

In 1808 John Andrews of Greene County gave James Hearn of Edgecombe County a power of attorney to act in his behalf in the matter of a land warrant of 274 acres due the late William and Francis Cope who had been soldiers in the Revolutionary Army.

### Solomon Gay

In 1813 Aaron Gay and Polly Walston of Edgecombe County gave a power of attorney to William Mears to claim land due the late Solomon Gay for his service in the Revolutionary Army, they being his heirs.

In 1812, William Gay, Sr., made a deposition in Edgecombe County to the effect that the sole heirs of Solomon Gay, who had died in service during the Revolutionary War, were Aaron Gay, Salley Mares, and Polly Walston.

### John Spicer

In 1800 a tract of 640 acres was granted to William Spicer of Edgecombe County, heir of John Spicer who had fought in the Revolutionary War. In 1821 Willis Lewis of Pitt County, who had been a soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line, stated that he had known John Spicer while he was in the Revolutionary War and that the latter had died in service and had been buried at West Point on the North River in Maryland. In 1821 William O'Bryan of Pitt County, a Revolutionary War soldier, made a deposition similar to that given by William Lewis. An additional 1,940 acres of land appear to have been issued to William Spicer in 1821, as a result of these activities.

In 1821 Redmun Bunn of Nash County stated that he was in the North Carolina Legislature in 1800 and had drawn up the original warrant for William Spicer whose son John Spicer had died in the service. Bunn said further that William Spicer was now about a hundred years of age, was well known to him personally, and was then residing in Edgecombe County.

### Joseph English

In 1820 John Anderson and Gardener Moye of Pitt County made separate depositions that William Inglish of Pitt County was one of the heirs of Joseph Inglish who had been entitled to land for services in the Revolutionary War. A tract of 360 acres was granted to the heirs of said Joseph Inglish, as a result of these negotiations.

### Isaac Hardy

Isaac Hardy, according to a deposition of Gardner Moye in 1817, was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army who never married and died intestate about 1792 leaving an only brother named Benjamin Hardy. In 1816 1,097 acres were granted to the heirs of Isaac Hardy. In 1820 three depositions were made in Pitt County concerning the apparent military service of Abraham Hardy or Hardee himself; they were signed by Joel Dickinson and F. Gorham, by John Hodges & John Kinsaul & Benjamin Hodges, and by Robert Williams.

### Britain Smith

[Is this another record of a land grant given for Revolutionary Service?]

On April 17, 1777, John Smith deeded to his son Britain Smith for love 472 acres on both sides of Middle Creek in Johnston County, bounded by the road, Matthew Jones, Joseph Irby, the former David Mims place, Creek Bridge, line of the Granville grant to John Smith, Sr., Bug's line, old David McCullers line, Little Creek, and the Mill Pond; witnessed by John (X) Allen and William Ward.

Brittain Smith made his will in Johnston County on February 23, 1793 (date of probate not present): (1) brother and executor William Smith, half the land, negroes, horses, cattle, stock, household furniture, etc., "on the western waters and the west side of the Blue Ridge of mountains"; half of "all the part of my father's estate both real and personal that is due to me on the western waters"; (2) brother and executor Gideon Smith, ditto; (3) sister Edith Allen, all my inheritance in land, etc., from my father's estate in Johnston County; (4) Abigail Rice, slave boy Daniel; (5) friend Mathew Jones, Sr., big colt, bridle, saddle, feather bed and furnishings; (6) witnesses John Smith, William Sasser, and Alexander Averyt.

The will proves that John Smith was the father of these children, at least:

1. Brittain Smith
2. William Smith
3. Gideon Smith
4. Edith Smith married an Allen.

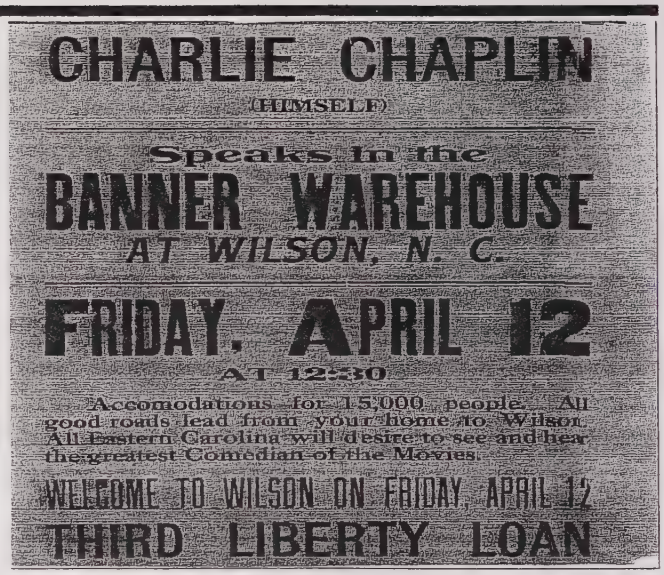
## THE ACTIVITY OF MR. CONNOR

Chairman of the Wilson County Liberty Loan Secured for Us

## CHARLIE CHAPLIN TODAY

**The Wilson Times, April 13, 1918**

Submitted by J. Robert Boykin




But for the enterprise and activity of Mr. H. G. Connor, Jr., chairman of the Liberty Loan of Wilson County who is determined that Wilson shall more than go over the top in the Third Liberty Loan drive it is quite possible that the school children and the grown up who braved the bad roads and weather to see the now national figure of Charlie Chaplin famous for his wonderful laughing stunts displayed on the moving picture screens in the country and really hear him speak and see him with their own eyes might not have succeeded, but Mr. Connor early this morning when he learned that Charlie had missed his train, and was on 89 leaving Richmond thirty-five minutes late, and due in Rocky Mount to speak and in Raleigh this afternoon, Mr. Connor realized that something must be done.

So he got busy and with the aid of the telephone and telegraph first secured the consent of Raleigh to release him for the meeting in Raleigh this afternoon and then to get Charlie's manager over the wire at Weldon who intercepted him there and made the arangement [sic.] for Charlie to come to Wilson on a special train arriving here at 3:30 that the parade which had been so elaborately planned by the ladies might go on and everybody might see and hear Charlie. And so this afternoon they heard Charlie urge the people to buy Liberty Bonds and beat the Hun and saw the real goods in the Banner Warehouse which was packed with humanity.

And the people were here despite the weather they came from far and wide. The schools turned out and many were the floats which were in line, and the school children arrived early in the day and bought thrift stamps, and Postmaster Smith and Chief Clerk Griffin and his assistants did a rushing business. When we tell you that the graded schools of Wilson had a thousand children in line and all of them owned thrift stamps it will be seen what a fine piece of work and how the people and the children of Wilson are cooperating with their government.

The children were proud of it too. They realize they are a part and parcel of this great government and are doing their bit for their country. We have been informed by Miss Cox who takes the deepest pride in the High School and her pupils that each and every one own a thrift stamp and that in addition the class has already invested $200 in Liberty bonds and expect to purchase $100 worth of war savings stamps.

The spirit with which the people of Wilson County entered into the day which had been set aside as Liberty Bond day is shown in the fact that they came from far and near to participate in the parade and to hear Charlie Chaplin. The roads were bad but that did not deter many of them. They ploughed through the mud of the road, and as one gentleman says, "I could not see my windshield."

The parade was a long one. Forming according to announcement at the Presbyterian church corner, it marched down Nash Street and thence to meet Charlie who arrived at 3:30 and escorted him to the Banner Warehouse where he addressed the large assemblage.

In the parade were a number of very attractive floats demonstrating clever work in their get up and representations. The first float represented Columbia and Uncle Sam with the parts taken by Mr. And Mrs. Herbert Woodard, with Russell Griffin representing a sailor and Miss Mary Carrow Herring representing the trained nurse.

The second float represented the United States and her allies. These parts were taken by the following young ladies appropriately costumed. This float was covered with slogans written by Mr. James Dempsey Bullock. The young ladies on the float were as follows: Misses Rita Gay Williams, Sarah Rawlings, Mrs. Marvin Edmondson, Lanie Hales, Marguerite Davis, Sheppie Branch, Catharine McNair, Nolia Gardner, whitehead [sic.], Dorothy Whitehead, Elmira Woodard, Hattie Boykin, Jacque Smith, Elizabeth McCraw, Bessie Clark, Minnie Deans, Harriet Tilghman, Jacque Baily, Hattie Batts, Mary Edwards, Mary Lane, Winnie Barnes, Mrs. Marvin Edmondson, Mrs. S. W. Worthington, Mrs. R. M. Blauvelt and Mrs. P. L. Woodard.

The third float represented the Goddess of Liberty with Miss Fannie Bullock very effectively taking that character. She carried a shield and beside her kneeling was Master Samuel Worthington, Jr., as a boy scout.

The schools of the county were well represented with floats and banners and the children marched in the long procession like veterans and never tired. The schools of Stantonsburg, Lucama, Elm City, New Hope, Turner's, Rock Hill and others were represented.

Stantonsburg had a very pretty float. Miss Sarah Exum represented Liberty with the following maids: Misses Truet Thompson, Lucy Eason, Pearl Strickland, Ethel Wooten, Virginia Thompson and Elsie Thompson. Two boys represented the navy and the soldier. They were Messrs. Moses Tyson and Reginald Overman.

The parade formed according to the program already published in *The Times* and made a very attractive and pretentious display.

## Abraham Stephenson's Will, Northampton County, 1791

Submitted by Paul Darden, descendant of Wm. Darden

Northampton County, Will Book #1, page 427-429

In the name of God Amen. I Abraham Stevenson of Northampton County and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty God first, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, principally as follows the first I commend my soul to the hands of God and my body to the ground to be buried in a decent manner at the discertion of my Exors and all my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give in the following manner and form.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winifred Carr nine negros known by the name of, Peggy, Jacob, Hannah, Patience, Ned, Betty, Shadrack, Allen, and Phillip to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I leave to my son in law Wm Darden the sum of fifteen negros by the name of Eady, Anarchy, Samuel, Isbel, Lucy, Charlotte, Cherry, Judy, Timfry, Dinah, Peggy, Patience, Bridgett, Deliah, Liviniah, during his natural life and after his decease I give all the said negros and their increase to my grand children, Sarah Darden, Elizabeth Darden, Priscilla and Abraham Darden to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever also I leave to my son in law William Darden the use of one negro known by the name of Fong until his son Abraham Darden comes to the age of twenty one years of age I give the said negro known by the name of Toby to my grand son Abraham Darden to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I leave to my beloved son Charles Stevenson the use of three negros known by the name of Ned, Fred, and Old Hannah during his natural life and after his death I give the said negros to his son John Stevenson to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I leave to my daughter in law Dersas Stevenson the sum of three negros known by the name of Peter, Nan, and Cherry during her natural life and after her death I give the said negros to her daughter Polly Stevenson to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I leave to my son Charles Stevenson to live on my plantation until his death but after his death I give my land and plantation to my grand son John Stevenson to him and his heirs forever and if no heirs I give to my grand son Abraham Darden my land and plantation to him and his heirs forever and if no heir I give the said land and plantation to my grand son Robt Stevenson Carr to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I leave to my son Charles Stevenson two feather beds and furniture the use of them till his son and daughter comes to twenty one years of age then I give the said bed to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I leave to the direction of my Exr to sell as much of my estate as will pay off my Just debts and charges(attest, to sell my large Sorrel horse, my young horse called independence, 1 yoke of steers, two thousand weight of good fat' pork and all the Brandy and cider and all the tobacco.

Item: I give to my Executor Wm Darden twenty five pounds prack all the rest of my Estate whatsoever kind real and personal after my just debts and charges are paid I do give unto my son Charles Stevenson to him and his heirs forever. I do appoint my sons in law Wm Darden and Titus Car my whats and sale Exrs to this last will and testament revoking all other wills by me heretoforemade ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I the said Abraham Stevenson have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 21 day of August 1788.

Abraham Stevenson and a seal

Signed sealed and published and declared in the presence of Thos Boon, John Boon, Wm Boon

Northampton County June Court 1791.

## EXUM LEWIS AND SONS

*From the Hugh Johnston files*

**Exum Lewis**

Exum Lewis lived in Nansemond County [Virginia] before settling in Edgecombe County.

On March 10, 1756, the boundary of his land in the Upper Parish of Nansemond County was processioned by Simon Everit and Daniel Williams (Vestry Book, etc., p. 108). On March 16, 1758, the will of Bartholomew Figures of Northampton County, North Carolina, named daughter Elizabeth Lewis (Grimes, p. 120). On March 8, 1760, the line of Exum Lewis was processioned in the presence of John Everit and Simon Everit (Vestry Book, etc., p. 150). He sold his property in Nansemond County in 1766 and bought a plantation in Edgecombe County, where he lived the rest of his life. He built a home which was called "Mount Prospect" and was situated north of Swift Creek. He appears to have owned 1,823 acres at the time of his death. In the period of the Revolutionary War he was Colonel of the Edgecombe County Militia.

Exum Lewis made his will in Edgecombe County on June 26, 1795, probated in August Court, 1796: (1) wife Elizabeth Lewis, lifetime use of residue of estate; (2) son Thomas Lewis, 200 acres where he was living on Reedy or Great Branch in the low grounds of Swift Creek near George Foreman, also two slaves; (3) son Green Lewis, home plantation of 420 acres on Swift Creek and Great Branch bounded by George Foreman, Miry Branch, Figures Lewis and George Linch; also 2 slaves, cattle, furniture, pewter dishes, and $50.00 when he is twenty; (4) son Bartholomew Lewis, 723 acres; (5) son and executor Exum Lewis, half the store goods, slave, horse, bridle, saddle, cows and calves, bed and furniture; 2 pewter basins, pewter dishes, pewter plates, etc.; (6) son Edwin Lewis, under twenty, half the store goods; (7) daughter Elizabeth, 2 slaves, bay mare, bridle, saddle, 2 cows with calves, 2 pewter dishes, 2 pewter basins, and a flax wheel; (8) daughter Sally Moore, one slave; (9) Thomas, Green, and Bartholomew to share the use of a brandy still; (10) son and executor Figures Lewis; (11) son-in-law and executor Jesse Johnson; and (12) witnesses Nathan Harris, Eli B. Whitaker, and James Whitaker (Will Book D, p. 7).

Children of Exum and Elizabeth Lewis

1. Figures Lewis married Patsey Driver.
2. Exum Lewis, Jr., was born on September 15, 1771.
3. Thomas Lewis
4. Bartholomew Lewis married Catherine Wiggins.
5. Edwin Lewis
6. Mary Lewis married Jesse Johnson, son of Simon Johnson and wife Martha Exum. They moved to Tennessee.
7. Green Lewis married Martha Wiggins.
8. Elizabeth Figures Lewis married a Ray.
9. Sallie Lewis married 1st William Lowe and 2nd James Moore.
10. (The will indicated that some children had been given property when they married or went away. One or two children may have died unmarried.)

**Exum Lewis, Jr.**

Exum Lewis, Jr., son of Exum Lewis and wife Elizabeth Figures, was born in Edgecombe County on September 15, 1771, and died on January 18, 1839. On December 31, 1795, he married Ann Harrison. She was born on August 10, 1775, at St. Mary's, Maryland, and died on December 16, 1843, in Edgecombe County, being a daughter of Kenelm and Elizabeth Harrison.

Exum Lewis made his will in Edgecombe County on March 30, 1831, and it was probated in February Court, 1839: (1) wife Ann Lewis, 8 slaves, 4 horses, 6 cows with calves, 6 young cattle, furniture, utensils; use of 316 3/4 acres east and west of the road (the John Williams tract and the Norsworthy Mial tract); (2) son and executor John W. Lewis, one-quarter of the rest; (3) son Richard H. Lewis, ditto; (4) daughter Betsy, ditto; (5) daughter Mary Ann, ditto; (6) son-in-law and executor Spier Whitaker; (7) son-in-law and executor Thomas Hunter; and (8) witnesses Louis D. Wilson, Henry Bryan, and Jesse H. Powell (Williams & Griffin, p. 210).

Ann Lewis made her will in Edgecombe County on December 9, 1843, probated in February Court, 1844; (1) son and executor Kenelm H. Lewis, half the estate [sic.?]; (2) son William F. Lewis, one-eighth; (3) grandson Joel B. Lewis to have his late father John W. Lewis's one-eighth; (4) daughter Elizabeth F. Whitaker, one eighth; (5) son Richard H. Lewis, ditto; (6) daughter Mary Ann Hunter, ditto; (7) daughter Emma Speight, ditto; (8) son Exum Lewis, ditto; and (9) witnesses Jesse H. Powell and Joseph J. W. Powell (Williams & Griffin, p. 209).

Children of Exum and Ann Lewis

1. Peggy Lewis was born in October 1797, and died young.
2. Peggy Harrison Lewis was born on March 10, 1799, and died young.
3. Elizabeth Figures Lewis was born on April 27, 1801. She married Colonel Spier Whitaker and moved to Davenport, Iowa.
4. John Wesley Lewis was born on March 2, 1804, and died on November 22, 1842. On February 5, 1829, he married Catherine Ann Battle. She was born on August 1, 1809, and died on April 25, 1879. Their son, William Gaston Lewis, General, C. S. A., was born on September 3, 1835.
5. Richard Henry Lewis was born on March 21, 1806.
6. Mary Ann Lewis was born on August 1, 1808. She married Thomas C. Hunter.
7. Emma Lewis was born on March 10, 1810. She married John Francis Speight and moved to Mississippi.
8. Exum Lewis III was born on January 7, 1814. He married Jane Cotten.
9. Kenelm Harrison Lewis was born on September 25, 1816. He married Elizabeth Heritage Bryan.
10. William Figures Lewis was born on September 19, 1819. He married Mrs. Ann Foxhall.

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**Figures Lewis**

Figures Lewis, son of Exum Lewis and wife Elizabeth Figures, married Patsey Driver of Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

On November 6, 1801, Figures and Patty Lewis of Edgecombe County gave a power of attorney to Exum Lewis to collect their share of the late Robert Driver's estate in Isle of Wight County, witnessed by H. G. Clinch and Wyatt Ballard (Deed Book 19, p. 112). On March 14, 1803, Exum Lewis acting as their attorney sold to Dixon Pinner for $141.17 a tract of 177 1/2 acres in Isle of Wight County adjoining Henry Pruden, Thompson Norsworthy, and Josiah Parker (owned by the late Robert Driver and descended to Figures and Patsey (P) Lewis), witnessed by Dolphin Driver, Robert Tynes, and Jordan Parr (Deed Book 19, p. 114).

**Green Lewis**

Green Lewis, son of Exum Lewis and wife Elizabeth Figures, was probably born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, about 1777. He married Martha "Patsey" Wiggins. He made his will in Edgecombe County on February 6, 1814, probated in February Court, 1814: (1) wife and executrix Patsey Lewis, the plantation, stock, and slaves: (2) daughter Sally Addeline Lewis, under eighteen years, a share of the slaves; (3) son Henry Lewis, under twenty, residual heir; (4) executor Exum Lewis; and (5) proven by the oaths of Orren Linch, Eaton Linch, and Mathew Philips (Will Book E, p. 64).

## Obituary of Hilbert Evans

**The Wilson Times, April 17, 1896**

Contributed by Richard F. Barnes

"Another Gone"

Mr. Hilbert Evans, an old and respected citizen of Cross Roads Township, Wilson county died last Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. About two weeks ago Mr. Evans was stricken with paralysis so that he never ate nor spoke again.

The deceased was 74 years old and leaves an aged widow to mourn his departure.

Mr. Evans was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church and was respected and beloved in his community.

## CHARITY LUCAS OBITUARY

*Zion's Landmark,* May 1, 1907

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Sister Charity Lucas was born in Wayne County, N. C., more than sixty years ago. She was married first to Mr. Elisha Bass. Four children came of that marriage. Her second marriage was to Mr. Silas Lucas, a successful business man. Five children are survivors of that union. She departed this life in March, 1907, after a lingering illness of several weeks. More than thirty years ago she united with the Primitive Baptists at Lower Black Creek.

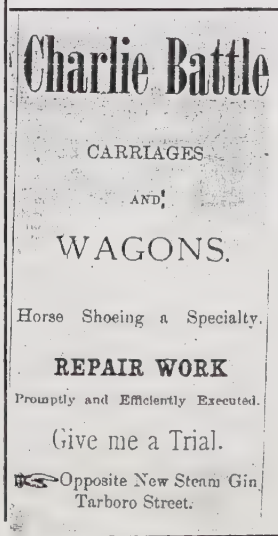
Sister Lucas was a woman of decided character, and was a wise, courageous woman, doing what she thought was right and proper. She was neat, industrious, thrifty and kind among her neighbors, and much beloved by her children and those that knew her.

The writer preached her funeral and visited her occasionally for years, and specially in her last days. She desired to be submissive to the will of the Lord. For weeks she did not expect to live, but that did not distress her. She was ready to go, feeling that to depart and be with Christ is far better.

The more I saw of Sister Lucas the more I loved her, and feel confident that she sleeps in Jesus, and will in his time awake in his likeness to be ever with the Lord in glory.

Her husband, children and neighbors were kind and devoted to her, doing what they could to relieve her, and she was very patient and meek in her sickness.

She is gone from the evil of the world. P. D. Gold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Taken from the Wilson Times April 17, 1896 Submitted by Richard F. Barnes

## Meeting, May 29, 2001

The Wilson County Genealogical Society attended the regular meeting of the Wake County Genealogical Society on this night. The meeting was held in the Olivia Raney Historical and Genealogical Library for Wake County, part of the Wake County administrative complex on Poole Road east of Raleigh.

The program was a presentation of research techniques, given by the librarian at the LDS Family History Center in Raleigh. The consensus of our members was this was well presented and quite helpful.

The main purpose, otherwise, in attending this meeting was to have a chance to explore this exciting new facility. We found an abundance of genealogical reference resources, ranging from a large bank of internet computers to an extensive microfilm collection, and a beautiful collection of print media. The library is open to the general public during regular hours, including two nights per week, and weekends. Our members were impressed by the gracious hospitality of the host Society. Prepared by the Editors

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### President's Message

Membership promotion time is here again! Join WCGS now and get 3 bonus fall issues of *Trees of Wilson* plus all issues in 2002.

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As you enjoy your summer vacations, I hope you will make the Wilson County Public Library part of your plans. This historic building was built in 1939. Many generations of Wilson County families have enjoyed the use of the library's resources. School students for years have used the library for school assignments. Moms, dads, and grandparents, have relied on the library for cookbooks, crafts, novels, gardening, genealogy, and many other self-help projects. There is something for everyone, young, old, and in between. It is a place for all people, all religions, all backgrounds to use.

This fine building is a historic landmark for all of Wilson County and surrounding counties to use and be proud of . President Jimmy Carter met there to address the citizens of Wilson in 1978 on the front lawn. Many other important events have been held there as well over the years.

As the need for the library grows, so should the building grow. Let's encourage our County Commissioners to "expand their minds and expand our library".

"The library is your passport to a world of information, education and recreation." You are the key to this treasure. Support the expansion!

Carol M. Forbes,
WCGS President.

**The Next Regular Meeting of WCGS Will Be On September 25. 2001**

## Point Lookout Prison Camp and the Wilson County Connection

Point Lookout was a very popular vacation spot in the years before the War Between the States. There were plans to build a fine resort hotel here to attract the wealthy from Baltimore. This point of land at the confluence of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay is a lovely spot, the southernmost part of Maryland on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Today, this is still a very desirable vacation spot, a place to catch the sun, fish, picnic or camp, to watch the heavy ship traffic up and down the Bay and visit historic sites in this oldest settled area of Maryland. However, this was not a vacation spot from the summer of 1863 until the late summer of 1865. Those who stayed here during those days, and managed to survive, remember Point Lookout as something other than a pleasant place to be.

My brother Thomas and I visited Point Lookout on the weekend of June 8-9, 2001 for the annual Point Lookout Prisoners of War Organization reunion of descendants of the internees of the infamous Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederates. It was his first visit to the area, my second but my first attendance at this annual affair. The people who sponsor the reunion are dedicated and caring people, interested in relating the history of this site, honoring those who died and those who survived and getting the information out about what occurred on the shores of the Potomac one hundred and thirty-six years ago. What we members of the WCGS should remember is that many native sons of Wilson County and many who would reside in the county for the decades after the War held vivid memories of their stay here, what they endured and the many comrades who never left this place. As many as 29 members of one company, Co. B, 2nd N.C., spent some time here during the War. A total 282 of a total enlisted of about 1,700 in the 2nd N.C. Infantry Regiment were imprisoned here, and the roll of the dead shows 29 died here. I have given a listing to the PLPOW organization of all those in the 2nd Regiment who were at Point Lookout during the War to assist any descendants researching their connections. I would encourage everyone to join the organization ( http://PLPOW.tripod.com ) and support the preservation and historical efforts being taken at the site.

A post-War song of unreconstructed Southerners titled "A Good Old Rebel" contains the line. "got wounded in three places and starved at Point Lookout". Starvation was only one of the ordeals that the prisoners of war suffered at this most notorious camp. According to official statistics, 52,000 prisoners (at times 20,000 were held here), both military and civilian, were incarcerated in the camp during the 23 months of its operation and more than 4.000 died during their confinement. That would represent a mortality rate of about 7.6%, not excessive when judged against Elmira in the North and Andersonville in the South. However, these figures are now hotly contested and there are those

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## Family Connections
### *Wilson Daily Times* June 19, 2001

**Continuing with another of our founding families: the Flowers.**

The Flowers name is familiar to long-time Wilson residents, bringing to mind the former grist mill at Rock Ridge or the shoe store, once downtown and now in a local mall. Many of us are proud to claim a connection with this ancient family whose origins can be traced back into the dark ages of Britain.

Occupational surnames are common among our immigrant ancestors, such as Taylor (from the local tailor), Carpenter or Joyner (from the village woodworker) or Smith (a worker in metal). Flowers seems more obscure until one looks at the workers under the support of a local nobleman during the feudal era in Britain Each land-owner, usually a nobleman with an aristocratic title such as Baron or Earl, was required by the Crown to provide fighting men in defense of the country. Thus were armies assembled from the locals and equipped by their land-lord who provided for their support. The longbow was the most common fighting weapon until the late 1500s in Britain, with arrows or "bolts" being the ammunition made by skilled arrow makers. In Old English, the arrow maker was called a fla, which evolved into floer by the 1200s, into flour by 1300, and flower a short time later.

The Flower surname seems to have originated in north Britain and was found often in Yorkshire but is not common there today. It is likely that the floers moved to areas where their services were needed, such as London, near the royal dwellings, or Portsmouth where Henry VIII based his naval forces.

The Flourmakers (in common use in the 1300s) were kept busy due to constant warfare. However, by the mid 1500s, gunpowder was introduced into Britain. The English military fought the Spanish during the 1588 Battle of the Armada completely with artillery and defeated the Spanish who stuck with their longbows. Thus ended the centuries-long profession of the floer or arrow maker. Many workers were pensioned off by the government or left to seek new employment. An Admiral Howe took a Flower family to live on his estate in Nottinghamshire after the Armada, where they may still be found today. Our local Flowers family seems to have come from a small village in Wiltshire, near Chippingham. One can only guess how the family came to be in Wiltshire as this is sheep raising county, not a good site for military arrow makers.

The family members set to the task of mastering a new profession. A young man of the Wiltshire family, Christopher Flower, soon found himself in London, living in the Parish of Stepney on the Thames River, where he signed on as a seaman of a merchant vessel. Christopher married, and his son, John Flower, became master of a vessel, "Virginia Merchant", engaged in trade with Virginia. He took household goods to Virginia and brought back tobacco. In 1645, he acquired land in (now) Surry County, Virginia, on Swan's Bay just north of Isle of Wight County. John's son, Jacob, was born and married in Stepney, but, as a young man, migrated to Virginia where he settled down to raise his children-the American ancestors of our Flowers family.

Henry Flowers (the first to add the "s" to his name), son of Jacob, lived in Isle of Wight County where he married Jane Underwood. In 1717, Henry bought land further west on the Nottoway River at a location, once called Jerusalem, which is now in Southampton County. Henry and Jane had several sons: Thomas, John, Hardy, Jacob, Henry, Benjamin, and Edward.

By 1760, Benjamin Flowers was living in (then) Edgecombe County

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on the Tar River at Sapony Creek. This area was later cut off into Nash County. He died there in 1788, leaving his wife, Martha, and children, William, Dycea (Dicey), Mary, Rachel, Laura, Jacob, Benjamin Jr., John, and Jane. These children of Benjamin were scattered over Nash, Edgecombe, and Johnston Counties and are the ancestors of our present Flowers family members.

More complete information on the Flowers family may be found in the Wilson County Public Library Genealogy Room. There is a book entitled "Flowers Chronicles" with many current descendants listed. There is also a volume of Hugh Johnston's papers on the Flower family. Between these two volumes, the serious inquirer should be able to locate most information needed to complete his or her family tree. The contents of this article were taken from these two books, along with details from The Vital Records Index of the British Isles from the LDS Family History Library, and standard encyclopedia articles on ancient warfare.

Report prepared by Henry & Sue Powell

## Family Connections
### *Wilson Daily Times*, July 17 2001
**The Rountree Family**

We recently had a visitor to Wilson, a man from Michigan who had contacted the Editor of the Daily Times, seeking information on his mother's Rountree family. She had moved away when young, and he knew nothing of his Rountree roots. We were able to provide a tour of Wilson so that he could see the home of his great grandfather (Moses Rountree) and his grave at Maplewood, along with the graves of grandparents, Herbert and Lillian Rountree, and a visit to Rountree's Bridge on Old Black Creek Road. We also visited the former Moss & Co., once Rountree's Emporium, a leading retailer of the late1800s. Now we would like to share the history of that family with our readers.

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English Surnames, the Rountree name first appears in the county of Yorkshire in England in about 1300 and was probably a familiar name for a person who lived near a Rowan tree (the same as our native Mountain Ash of baseball bat fame). It is spelled variously as Roundtree or Rowntree, but all have the same origin. There is seldom any significance to variations in spelling.

We consulted several members of the family from various locations to determine details on when and how the family came to America. Everyone had about the same story that the Rountree family had come from Ireland to Virginia a little before 1700 with a father and several sons. There is little hope of proving this piece of family lore, however, a look at the history of the time supports these meager facts nicely.

The English Civil War was fought in the 1640's between the forces of King Charles I, and the puritan army of Oliver Cromwell, hired by Parliament to capture the defiant and arrogant Charles. Cromwell defeated the King , and had him beheaded in London shortly afterwards. The English Parliament named Cromwell as Lord Protector of England, leaving that country without a monarch for the first and last time. Cromwell, the leader of the puritan movement, was determined to restore simple, basic religious practices to the country which had been Catholic, then became Protestant under Henry VIII.

Soon after Cromwell's appointment, he sent troops to the Catholic country of Ireland, a reluctant dependency of England since the days of King John in the 12th century. His puritan army of 10,000 men soon captured the counties of Munster, Leinster and Ulster. As a reward, Cromwell made grants of land to members of his army. It would appear that a Rountree could have been the recipient of such a grant (some say Robert, others say Francis), and he, if so, probably married and settled in Ulster (now in Northern Ireland).

All was well until King James II, who came to the throne after Cromwell's death (Charles II came between them), was removed from the throne by an act of Parliament because of his Catholic beliefs. James fled, first to France, and then to Ireland, where he raised troops, intending to maintain his rule in that Catholic country. He was successful to the extent that the protestant settlers, presumably including Rountree, took refuge in an Ulster town, chased off their land by James II's troops.

To remove James, Parliament had offered the crown to William, prince of the Dutch province of Orange, who was married to Mary, the daughter of beheaded Charles I. William accepted, and, as a protestant, soon sent troops to Ireland to quell the actions of James II. William of Orange defeated James II at the Battle of Boyne (near Dublin) in 1689, which should have settled the entire matter, but the Treaty of Limerick in 1691 returned land to the original Catholic owners.

During this time of strife, Robert, Francis, Charles, Thomas and William Rountree appear in the land records of Nansemond County, Virginia (now the City of Suffolk). The earlier-mentioned family lore includes a Jesse Rountree as well who is not listed anywhere in the early Virginia records.

Early in the 1700s, there were Rountrees in Chowan County, NC, seemingly descended from the Nansemond immigrants, and within the next thirty years, Rountrees were to be found elsewhere in eastern North Carolina. Jesse settled in Pitt County, while Francis' descendants came to Wayne (now Wilson) County and owned land along Contentnea Creek (Rountree's Bridge still stands on Old Black Creek Road where they lived). Moses Rountree was a prominent merchant in the new village of Wilson where he built a thriving emporium to sell goods of all kinds. His store passed into the hands of his descendants and was known as Moss & Co. until that business closed some years ago. Moses Rountree's handsome home of 1869 still stands on Rountree Street near the Catholic Church. It's hard to miss, as there is a sign outside naming Rountree as the builder.

Today there are Rountrees all over American. It would appear that many are descended from Robert, Francis, etc., of the Nansemond County Irish immigrant group.

There are excellent references in the Genealogy Room of the Wilson County Public Library for those seeking more information on the Rountree family.

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With assistance from Richard C. Rountree, Jr.

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who believe as many as 14,000, almost 27%, died here under conditions that would classify this as an more of an extermination camp than prison holding pen. Many believe that the deaths of so many were not an unforeseen or unfortunate side effect of the War and their imprisonment. There were those in authority in the U.S.Army and United States Government (Secretary of War Stanton forbid the construction of wooden barracks and ordered 10,000 tents to be shipped here) who expressed considerable glee at the number of deaths and took no actions to reduce the problems at this and other prison camps.

The Confederate commandant of Andersonville was hanged at the end of the War for his crimes against humanity, for some situations over which he had no control or could not have been responsible. The death toll at Andersonville was high, but there is certainly less reason to explain the deplorable conditions of Point Lookout. The Federal Navy controlled the Potomac and upper Chesapeake Bay, practically unchallenged, for the entire War. Supplies of food, medicine and clothing were available in abundance. The Union ran an efficient hospital system for the time, had the benefit of certain medicines and equipment denied to the Confederacy by blockade, had a large textile industry capable of outfitting an army of over one million men and factories to produce just about any goods available at the time. The North enjoyed protected lines of supply and communication and was experienced at handling large numbers of prisoners. There was no critical shortage of doctors or nursing staff and one of the North's largest hospitals, Hammond, was located at Point Lookout. This facility was protected from attack by land or water with a strong earthen fort with at least one gunboat stationed permanently off shore. Used as a transit point for prisoners being paroled or exchanged from other camps, Point Lookout was one of the busiest military facilities in the United States for two years. An enormous complex of buildings was constructed for the hospital and garrison stationed here. Yet with all these advantages, the prisoners died in the hundreds per month throughout the War and the conditions under which they lived were inhuman and correctable.

There was a stockade with palisade and parapets. Inside the enclosure, called the Pen, the men lived in tents or shelter quarters or in the open. This spit of land, low lying and unprotected from the elements, was over-washed by floodwaters during periods of storms, inundating the inmates and leaving unsanitary conditions. During the winter, this area is lashed by frigid winds, and dampness, an ideal breeding ground for pneumonia. If the prisoners survived the poor and meager rations (rats were an occasional delicacy) and the ravages of disease and the foul weather, they had to contend with camp guards who fired indiscriminately into the compound for amusement. While the documented cases of this are rare, none of the offenders were punished and several prisoners were killed. Escapes, frequently attempted, were generally unsuccessful because the nearest shoreline is more than 10 miles away. There was only three ways the prisoners escaped this hell: being exchanged or paroled, taking the oath of allegiance (known as "swallowing the yellow dog") or die here. Some men gave up hope and deliberately stepped over the "dead line" near the fence to be shot by the guards on the parapets.

Those who died here suffered one final insult. Their graves were not marked by individual. They were buried in mass graves, and these graves have been moved at least twice since 1865. Today there is a single monument over the mass grave of over 4,000 men, the names of only 3,003 inscribed on its sides. Here, on Saturday, June 9, 2001, my brother and I attended a memorial service for the dead, and I said a prayer to the memory of Private J. Osborne, Co. B 2nd N.C. (the only documented fatality here of the company), Private John W. Bell, 7th Confederate Cavalry (the ancestor of Fonda Miller) and two other Wilsonians of the 2nd Regiment who never came home from the Point Lookout: Stephen J. Barnes and Washington Lawrence Barnes of Co. D. I said a silent prayer of thanks that Private William Monroe Boykin, Co. B, 2nd N.C., survived his wound at Winchester, a long stay in the Hammond Hospital and his visit in 1865 to Point Lookout. If he had not, neither my brother nor I would have been there to honor his suffering.

There is a small museum at the Point Lookout State Park with both historical and nature related exhibits. The exhibit on the prison camp is not extensive but worth the visit. While there, I saw the picture Lewis Dicksen Wilson Barnes of Company D, 47th North Carolina Infantry Regiment who was at Point Lookout. He is identified as from Wilson County and his name appears in the 1860 Census of Wilson. I have included his photograph with this article. Finding his picture there was a pleasant surprise.

L. D. W. Barnes

Following is an <u>incomplete</u> list of men from Wilson County at Point Lookout. My goal is to compile records of all Wilsonians who serviced the Confederacy with the hope to publish a reference some day. I would appreciate any information or suggestions to complete this project.

Died at Point Lookout: (14)
Stephen J. Barnes (died 1/13/1864), Washington Lawrence Barnes (died 5/13/1864), Jesse R. Beaman (died 12/10/1863), James H. Narron (?) (died 2/1865), J. Osborne (died 1/16/1864), William H. Pearson (died 3/30/1865, Robert M. Pittman (died 11/23/1863), Jackson Price (3/7/1864), Calvin Raper (died 2/4/1864), Morrison T. Tomlinson (died 1/11/1864), William Gray Uzzell (died 11/28/1863), James G. Whitehead (died 11/22/1863), Silas Wyatt (died 1/19/1864), Levi Yost (died 8/23/1864)
[Narron and Raper are not included on the monument, but I have forwarded their names to the PLPOW to include in an compiled addition].

Interned at Point Lookout: (130)

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*2nd N.C., Co. A* : (1) James Horn
*2nd N.C., Co. B:* (25) Joseph J. Batts, Joel Boyette, Ransom Boyette, James H. Boyette, William Monroe Boykin, Raymond Eatmon, Taylor Eatman, Eatman Flowers, Joseph W. Forbes, James Henry Fulghum, Reddick Joyner, James McCarthy (?? Co.), George W. Marshall, Alfred Moore, Nathaniel Moore Sr. (twice), J. Osborne (died 1/16/1864) (?? Co.), Perry Rentfrow, Haywood Rose, Benjamin Griffin Simpson, Jesse L. Skinner, Berry Strickland, Henry Tatum, Marvin V. Thornell, Matthew G. Trevathan and John G. Womble (twice).
*2nd N.C., Co. D:* (15) Martin V. Barnes, Stephen J. Barnes (died 1/13/1864), Washington Lawrence Barnes (died 5/13/1864), Alfred Boswell, Abner Eason, Levi R. Edwards, Calvin Ellis, Shadrack Felton, Lundy M. Griffin, Matthew T. Lamb, James Lucas, Murphy McKell, Thomas Mumford, Seth Petway (twice), Nathan Webb.
*4th N.C., Co.F*: (11) Bunyan Barnes, Edwin Barnes, Walter R.Battle (twice), Bryant Stokes, Joel Taylor, John G. Valentine, F.T. Whorton, James G. Winstead, William E. Winstead, John B. Woodard, William P. Wootten
*5th N.C., Co. G*: (14) Hickman D. Barnes, Randolph Edwards, Samuel Edwards, John H. Flemings, Edwin Johnson, May Moore, James Pittman, William Gray Uzzell (died 11/28/1863), James F. Weaver, James White, Joseph Williford, Elijah Winstead, Silas Wyatt (died 1/19/1864), Levi Yost (died 8/23/1864)
*33rd N.C., Co. A:* (3) James H. Barnes, Josiah Daniel, William D. Johnson
*43rd N.C., Co. C.:* (23) Elisha Bargham, Thomas Barnes, Aaron Bass, Larry Bass, Stephen Boyett, James Iredell Boykin, William Henry Bryant (twice), Henderson Davis, William Thomas Dixon, Josiah Hinson, Frederick Kirby, Thomas R. Lamm, Jesse Lucas, A.L.Mendenhall, Edwin Overman, James L. Privett, William W. Robbins, Elias S. Stancil. Gaston Stancill, George W. Thigpen, John Todd, Morrison T. Tomlinson (died 1/11/1864), William Winborn,
*47th N.C., Co. A:* William R. Joyner, Thomas Lamm
*47th N.C., Co.D:* (3) Lewis Dicksen Wilson Barnes, Bryant Thompson
*55th N.C., Co. A*: (19) Louis D. Arquir, Jesse Aycock, Augustus Barnes, William Warren Barnes, Jesse R. Beaman (died 12/10/1863), Henry C. Davis, Jonathan B. Davis, David Dew, Leonard Dickinson, Nathan Thomas Hays, James H. Narron (?) (died 2/1865), William H. Pearson (died 3/30/1865, Robert M. Pittman (died 11/23/1863), Jackson Price (3/7/1864, Calvin Raper (died 2/4/1864), Alexander Smith, Jonathan Tomlinson, Eli Williamson, Robert W. Yelverton
*1st Regiment N.C. Artillery, Co. D:* (1) Nathan H. Vestus
*3rd Regiment N.C. Artillery, Co. D:* (6) J.B. Bardin, Edwin Bass, Barney B. Gardner, Warren Rogers, Kelly Tisdell, Robert Sauls Yelverton
*2nd Regiment N.C. Cavalry, Co. E:* (4) Capt. Robert W. Atkinson, Lawson Campbell, Henry G. Thornell, Felix E. Woodard
*4th Regiment of N.C. Cavalry, Co.H*: (5) Capt. Sidney P. Clark, Willis Haynes, William H. Mercer, William Raper, James G. Whitehead (died 11/22/1863)

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## HERBERT ROUNTREE OBITUARY

*Oxford Public Ledger*, Oxford, N. C., Tuesday, October 18, 1927
Contributed by Steve Kennedy

HERBERT ROUNTREE DIES AS
RESULT OF FALL IN BATHTUB.

Interment At Wilson, His Former Home, This Afternoon.

Mr. Herbert Rountree, the well known and popular traveling salesman and proprietor and manufacturer of the "Ideal Sweeping Compound," died suddenly at his home on College Street Sunday morning following an injury in a bath tub, when his feet slipped, the back of his head striking the rim of the tub and causing hemorrage [sic.]. Aged 66 years.

Mr. Roundtree's former home was in Wilson. He moved to Oxford about 12 years ago and purchased from Mr. Kit Royster the well known "Ideal Sweeping Compoupnd" patent and plant. He devoted much of his time as a traveling slaesman [sic.], the Sweeping Compound being one of his lines. He was a member of the Oxford Methodist Church and was highly esteemed.

Mr. Rountree is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Pittard Rountree, and the following children: Moses Rountree, Goldsboro; Mrs. George P. Robinson, Miss Bedford Rountree, Charlotte; Herbert Rountree, Jr., and Miss Lillian Rountree, New York City. Deceased married first Miss Addie Marsh of Morganton, his second wife was Miss Lillian Penick of Culpepper County, Virginia.

Following the funeral services from the home on College St. this morning at 10 o'clock, the remains will be taken to Wilson, N. C. accompanied by the family and Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church. The following are the local pallbearers: Mesars. W. H Hunt, James Floyd, Mott Pinnix, Calvin Breedlove, J. P. Hunt, W. Z. Mitchell, A. H. Powell, William Medford, C. T. Harris, W. W. Fuler, Frank Lyon, Marshall Pinnix, Henry Osborn, E. E. Fuller.

Mr. J. Robert Wood, the undertaker, will accompany the remains through the country to Wilson.

[Editor's note: Herbert Rountree, born 1861, died October 16, 1927, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. Also buried there was his first wife, Adelaide Cornelia Marsh Rountree, born September 22, 1862, died April 3, 1889, and his second wife, Lillian Penick Rountree, born 1869, died January 20, 1912.]

**A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so will be listed in Trees in sections over coming months. This is Part 2.**

**Bissett Berry N. 5/27/186118 Wilson Co. (not in 1860 Census of Wilson)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Boonsboro, Md 9/13/62; imprisoned Fort Delaware; exchanged; died in hospital of cerebitis 10/8-10/62

**Bottoms George W. 1/20/186219 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #521; age 23)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Burkeville 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/23/65 — Richard & Olive Bottoms (1860 #521)

**Boyett Larry Bryant 5/29/186124 Wilson Co. in 1861 (not in 1860 Census)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
!st Sergeant then 2nd Lieutenant; present at Appomottox 4/9/65 — James & Sidney Boyette (1860 #1076)

**Boyett Joel 5/27/186129 Wilson Co. (not in 1860 Census of Wilson)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Charlottesville 5/3/63; captured at Sutherland's Station 4/8/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/24/65

**Boyett Ransom 5/27/186118 Wilson Co.(1860 Census #1076; age 17)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured Williamsport, Md 9/16/62; imprisoned Fort Delaware; exchanged; captured Winchester 9/19/64; imprisoned Point Lookout; exchanged 3/15/65 — James & Sidney Boyette (1860 #1076)

**Boyett Thomas 11/11/1861 24 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #329; age 23)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Spotsylvania 5/64; wounded again 8/17/64; remained in hospital and reported as deserted 3/8/65; paroled in Richmond 4/22/65 — Jordan & Zillah Boyette (1860 #329)

**Boyette George T. 2/27/1864 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1076, age 14)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded & captured at Winchester 9/19/64 & died from wound at Baltimore 1/1/65 — James & Sidney Boyette (1860 #1076)

**Boyette Isaac 5/27/186126 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
**Private; wounded in Staunton hospital 10/28/62; present till 10/64**

**Boyette James H.4/29/186221 Wilson Co.(1860 Census #1076; age 19)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Winchester 9/19/64; imprisoned at Point Lookout till exchanged 1/17/65; paroled at Goldsboro 5/4/65 — James & Sidney Boyete (1860 #1076)

**Boyette Josiah 5/28/186124 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #329; age 24)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal; wounded and captured at Cedar Creek 10/19/64. Left in the enemy's hand; reported killed — Jordan & Zillah Boyette (1860 #329)

**Boykin Benjamin H. 5/28/186123 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Sergeant then 1st Sergeant; wounded at Charlottesville 5/3/63; captured at Petersburg 4/3/65; imprisoned Hart's Island where took oath 6/18/65

**Boykin Eli J..5/28/186120 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #992, age 19)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; Died in Camp Potomac 11/1/1861 — ?Mother Edith Boykin (1860 #992)

**Boykin Irvin 1/20/186218 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1091; age 14)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; substitute for father Tobias Boykin; wounded at Spotsylvania 5/64; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 — Tobias & Annie Boykin (1860 #1091)

**Boykin Plummer W. 5/7/1862 20 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1002, age 17)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Spotsylvania 5/19/64 — Hilliard & Willa Boykin (1860 #1002)

**Boykin Tobias 11/11/1861 46 Wilson Co. (1860 Cenus #1091 age 40)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; furnished son (Irvin) as substitute 1/20/62 — (?wife Annie, 1860 #1002)

**Boykin Wiley6/1/1861 22 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in camp at Fredericksburg 3/20-23/63

**Boykin William H. 5/28/186119 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Sergeant; died at Camp Potomac 3/8/62

**Boykin William Monroe 9/12/186318 Wilson Co. (1860 Cenus #1002; age 15)**
*Military Service Record* — *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded and captured at Winchester 9/19/64; hospitalized and imprisoned at Fort McHenry & at Point Lookout, took oath 6/3/65 — Hilliard & Willa Boykin (1860 #1002)/(after the War he married Virginia Wise Glover)

## The Great Wilson County Canal

From the files of Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.

Although the great canal proposed to run from Tar River along Toisnot Swamp to Contentnea Creek was never constructed, the geographic details of its anticipated route as given in the year 1820 are of the greatest value to anyone interested in local people and places as they were commonly known one hundred fifty-six years ago.

Our source for this unusual record is the "Plan and Sections of a Line of Canal from the Tar River to the Tossnot Creek and a Survey of that Creek to its Junction with the Contentney. Surveyed under the direction of Hamilton Fulton, Civil Engineer to the State of N. Carolina. By R. H. B. Brazier. 1820." (No. M. C. 139-A, N. C. Department of Archives). The scale of the Plan appears to be one inch to each half-mile, and your columnist has endeavored to present the distances and references of historical importance in a manner that may be intelligible to the modern reader.

Jonathan Dew's Mill (now known as Silver Lake) backed water for 1½ miles and stood on the south side of the dam, with five other buildings stretched along the east side of the road. One-quarter mile W. Spring Branch and one-half mile W. Sam's Pocoson Branch both flowed southerly into the pond. H. Flowers resided 1¼ miles W. on the S. side.

Three and one-quarter miles W. of Dew's Mill an old road crossed Toisnot Creek and continued northward to the Raleigh-Tarboro Road. Edward Taylor lived on the N. Side of the latter a little W. of the junction, and Wilson Taylor was less than a half-mile W. of him, while Mr. Strickland was a little N. of the road and three-quarters of a mile W. of Wilson Taylor. Thomas Horn lived a little S. of Toisnot Swamp on the E. side of the road (probably just S. of the Old Iron Mine).

The aforesaid road crossed over Horn's Bridge, and Little Swamp entered Toisnot Swamp in a southeasterly direction a little W. of the bridge. Mrs. Williams lived a half-mile N. W. of the bridge on a road that forked from the road going N. Towards Edward Taylor's house. Pilgrim Williams was south of the swamp and about 1¼ miles W. of Thomas Horn. Beaver Dam Branch ran northerly into Tar River a short distance E. of Strickland's Mill (on the S. side of the River) and the crossing of the road running N. to Nashville.

Major Harrison lived over one-quarter mile N. Of Toisnot Swamp and a half-mile N. E. of Jonathan Dew's milldam. "Dews Old Mill Pond" (no mention was made of Lott's Branch flowing S. into it) and the "Old Mill" referred to what is now known as the Wilson Reservoir. This mill house was on the E. side of the swamp. The old County Line between Nash and Edgecombe Counties appeared to pass about one-eighth mile E. of the milldam, with the old road crossing between the line and the dam. Mr. Barnes lived south of the road and one-eighth mile W. of the lower Dew mill.

Returning now to the "Line of Canal," it left the S. side of Tar River just W. of the crossing of the Nashville Road, ran southerly along Beaver Dam Branch and across the Raleigh-Tarboro Road, easterly into the head of Little Branch, and down it and Toisnot Swamp to Jonathan Dew's Mill, a total distance of about 3¼ miles.

An alternate line forked easterly and followed the S. side of the River nearly one-half mile past Taylor's Island and the Two Pole Branch (on the S. side of the River), crossed Little Wolf Trap Branch shortly before crossing the Raleigh-Tarboro Road, followed Great Wolf Trap Branch to the head, crossed Locust's Pocoson, easterly still into the head of Spring Branch, down it to the N. side of Jonathan Dew's Road a quarter-mile W. of the dam, and entered the N. side of Toisnot Swamp a short distance below the dam and the road crossing.

It was about four miles E. from Old Dew's Mill (now Wilson Reservoir) to the next (William Dew's) Bridge over Toisnot Swamp on the old road leading from Smithfield to Tarboro (near the present London's Primitive Baptist Church on Herring Avenue extension). Mrs. Roundtree was living on the S. side of the swamp about half-way between the two bridges. William Dew lived on the W. side of the road and less than three-quarters of a mile N. of Dew's Bridge. Nearly two miles E. of Dew's Bridge was John Horn's Mill on a small branch (apparently Buchhorn Branch) running southerly into Toisnot Swamp, and presumably near the ancient road running from Peele's Bridge to Dew's Bridge.

Four and one-half miles S. E. of Horn's Mill, Peele's Bridge crossed Toisnot Swamp on the road from Stantonsburg to Tarboro. White Oak Swamp entered the N. side of the said swamp three and one-half miles N. W. of Peele's Bridge. One-half mile S. E. of Peele's Bridge was Stanton's Bridge, with Stanton's Mill on the S. side of Toisnot Swamp and three-quarters of a mile E. of the bridge. From this last bridge it was one mile to the junction of Toisnot Swamp with Contentnea Creek, One-quarter of a mile E. of Stanton's Mill a road passed easterly "to Tarboro" (probably intended for "To Greenville").

## A [Pre] Wilson County Road

From the Hugh Johnston files

A Jury ordered by November Court, 1808, in Wayne County, met on February 17, 1809, and Woodard Howell, E. Daniel, Jordan Howell, Joel Newsome, Simon Boswell, James Dickinson, Briton Simms, Arthur Bardin, Benjamin Simms, Shadrack Dickinson, Daniel Dickinson, and Joel Newsome met "to lay out a Road from Britain Simms's Path near where Tereley Evans now lives Immediately across the old road leading from Rowntree Bridge and Contentnea Creek to the other road leading to Waynesborough on Newse River to a Bridge Called Dickinsons Bridge on the said Contentnea Creek," and they therefore laid it out "Crossing the above mentioned old road at the foot of the Path aforesaid thence a direct Course through the lands of Britain Simms, Isaac Dickinson, and James Dickinson, then to the above mentioned Dickinsons Bridge."

[Editor's Note: This description appears to fit part of the present Frank Price Church Road, formerly known as the Old Goldsboro Road.]

## Lillian Penick Rountree Obituary
### *The Wilson Daily Times,* January 20, 1912

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

**A Gentle Spirit Leaves Us**

Last night suddenly and quietly, the gentle spirit of Mrs. Herbert Rountree left this tenement of clay and ere tomorrow when her voice would have been heard with the choir of the Methodist church where so sweetly it was attuned to glad-some praise of her Maker it will chant in the Heavenly choir with the great celestial throng around the throne of God.

We say this advisedly because her life was pure and sweet and devoted to all things that were good, and her loyalty to her church and her Saviour, to her husband and family was exemplified in her walk and conversation.

Her sad taking away was a shock to her host of friends for all Wilson is saddened today, while her husband and children are overwhelmed with sorrow.

It was our good fortune to know Mrs. Rountree when she first graced our city as a teacher of music in the Wilson Collegiate Institute and to note the many rare and sweet qualities of head and heart which adorned her being. She was always happy when pleasing others or contributing in anyway to their comfort or pleasure.

The last words she uttered were to Dr. Charles Swindell, who awakened by the cries of the distressed husband and children hastened to her side. He applied restoratives, where she had fallen in an effort to get to the door to secure fresh air, for her heart was failing. She aroused and said: "I can't breathe doctor, hurry". Others arrived and gently placing her upon the bed she fell on sleep.

The funeral occurred this afternoon at four o'clock from the Methodist church and was attended by a large concourse of friends. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Bradshaw.

The Honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. Geo. Hackney, Ernest Deans, T. A. Davis, C. C. Daniels, Ed. Adams, J. C. Hales, G. W. Connor and Dr. W. S. Anderson.

The active pall-bearers were Mess. E. S. Taylor, W. J. Davis, Fred Swindell, Vernon Moss, C. E. Blount and Wm. Farmer.

As Miss Penick, Mrs. Rountree left her home in Culpepper, Va., to accept a position here.

Twenty years ago this June she was happily married to Mr. Herbert Rountree who survives her. This union was blessed with five living children.

The deceased left brothers and sisters as follows: Mrs. John Green, of Wilson, Miss Janie Penick, of Baltimore, Messrs. Will and Douglas Penick, of Lynchburg.
[Copied retaining errors in the original.]

An Appreciation
(Contributed)
*Wilson Daily Times,* January 26, 1912

When death comes among us and beckons to one of our best to go. When he passes by those who have long expected his coming and his call, those who are even ready to welcome him and seizes upon one of our strongest, purest and best, the eternal question of why this should be, presents itself most vividly to our minds.

When very early in the morning of January the twentieth, Mrs. Herbert Rountree who during the evening before had been jolly and happy with her family, playing games with them and laughing and talking in her ever lively manner, very suddenly heard the call of the Master, and, with scarcely a moment for a last good bye, crossed the Great Divide, we were overwhelmed with sorrow and with grief.

The living can pay but feeble tribute to their dead with their pen, save in rare cases when there is a Tennyson to write an In Memoriam or a Milton to write a Lycidas. It is only with the tear and the breaking heart, when the first awful realization comes, and later, the loving memory, the tender recollection, the white stone, the flowers-strewn grave and the ever empty place in our lives, that most of us can express our devotion for those who have preceded us into the realm behind the veil. Realizing this I undertake with a [word omitted] and pleasure the voicing of an appreciation of the late Mrs. Herbert Rountree conscious of my inability to render fitting homage to so exquisite a soul.

We of Wilson loved this woman for many reasons. We appreciated her and we were glad that she lived among us.

Many of us, as we looked upon her sweet, quiet face as she lay in her casket, remembered how, when death had come and claimed our own, she had come to us, soothing us with her tender sympathy and with her marvelously beautiful song calming the raging anguish within us. The great God has endowed her with an incomparable voice, and for years, this voice was ours, ineffably tender and motherly when we were sad, joyous and refreshing when our hearts were light.

For years she had been a member of the Methodist choir and it was a touching tribute to her that, at her funeral, the choir railing was draped in black and those who sang did so with hearts and voices choked with tears.

To separate and speak of the individual virtues of so lovely a character as Mrs. Rountree were to do injustice to their perfect and harmonious blending into a personality of rare charm and a life so well rounded and filled with excellencies that one instantly, in thinking of her, recalls those beautiful lines of Wordsworth:

"I saw her upon nearer view,
A spirit yet a woman too!
Her household motions light and free,
And steps of virgin-liberty;
A countenance in which did meet
Sweet records, promises as sweet;

A perfect woman, nobly planned
To warn, to comfort and command;
And yet a spirit still, and bright
With something of an angel light."

As a friend, Mrs. Rountree was one "to grapple to thy soul with hoops of steel." A charming conversationalist, spontaneous in humor and wit, cultured, well read and mistress of a vast stock of information such as only years of education will give; tactful, sympathetic and tolerant with all points of

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view; possessing an attractive and magnetic personality, charitable in heart and discourse; optimistic, holding a broad and well ordered philosophy of life, she won the friendship of all who came within the circle of her acquaintance.

As a mother, she was loving, tender, sympathetic, understanding the child heart and so an ever cherished and appreciated companion of her children, and indeed of all the children who knew her.

As a wife, she ranked with the few peerless women who make life for their husbands a heaven. For twenty years this husband and wife lived together in the sweet contentment and happiness coincident only with the perfect union of souls, "self reverent each and reverencing each." Bound together with kindred religion, kindred interests, thorough congeniality and attuned each to the other as God intended man and wife to be.

The beautiful example and innuence [sic.] of Mrs. Rountree has made our town a better, a nobler and a happier one and her death will be an irreparable loss and a continuing sorrow to us.

## "YE OLDEN TYMES"

### Ancedotes [sic.] of the Earlier Days of Wilson

*The Daily Times*, August 22, 1914, August 28, 1914
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. James Dempsy Bullock a genius in lore and wit has very kindly agreed to furnish us with reminiscences of the past and these we will publish from time to time.

Every one who knew Mr. Moses Rountree will appreciate the following ancedote [sic.] concerning him:

Moses Rountree

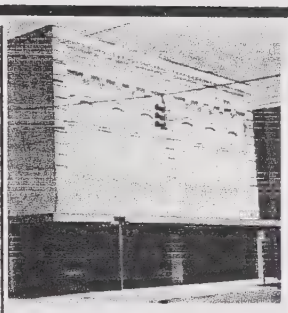
was the senior member of the M. Rountree & Co. and was the best known and most universally liked of any of the earlier business men of Wilson. They bought and sold almost everything. On one occasion a man sold him some mink skins and among them was a black cat skin, which was worthless. Mr. Rountree did not discover the cat skin until the man was gone. Not long afterwards the same man brought two mink skins and sold them to Mr. Rountree. When Mr. Rountree went to pay him for them, he went to the money drawer and took out a dollar for one mink skin and reaching under the counter drew out the cat skin, and said, "and here is a cat skin for the other one, sir."

Al Branch

Was the most successful business man of the early days of Wilson. He was a Chesterfield in manner, wore a silk hat and Prince Albert coat. On one occasion one of his customers who far from being a Chesterfield and having only a limited acquaintance with the bath and having imbibed freely of the juice of the corn, drove a pair of thin horses hitched to a wagon to the side door. After putting a side of meat and a sack of meal, he turned to his wife and said, "woman, damn it, git on that wagon and go home." Mr. Branch standing near by heard it, and remonstrated with him saying, "you ought not to talk to your wife that way, she is a nice, smart lady." The fellow said, "Mister Branch you want her, you may have her, I don't want her."

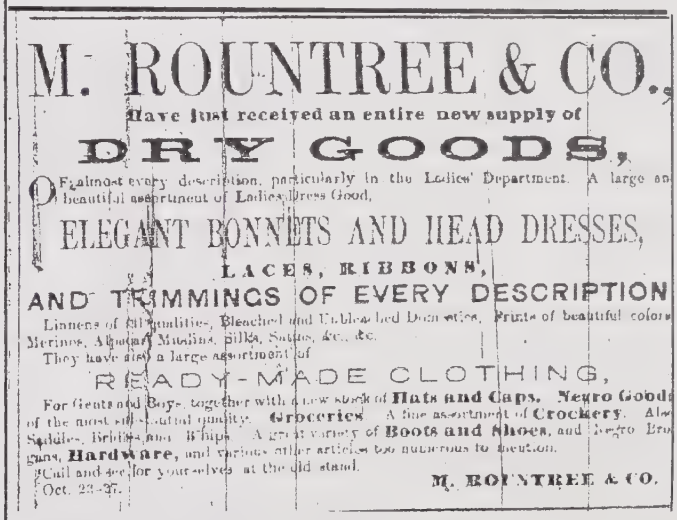
Mr. Branch immediately had business elsewhere.

(Low and continuous applause from the clerks.)



From Historic Buildings Inventory of Wilson, Kate Ohno, 1980

**Rountree Building**
134-136 S. Tarboro St
Moses and Jonathan Rountree were respected and successful merchants. This store (still standing) dates between 1868 and 1882. When Moses died in 1887, the store was taken over by his son, Herbert, who sold it in 1893. It later passed to the Moss family who operated the store until about 20 years ago.



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For Gents and Boys, together with a new stock of Hats and Caps, Negro Goods of the most substantial quality. Groceries. A fine assortment of Crockery. Also Saddles, Bridles, and Whips. A great variety of Boots and Shoes, and Negro Brogans, Hardware, and various other articles too numerous to mention.
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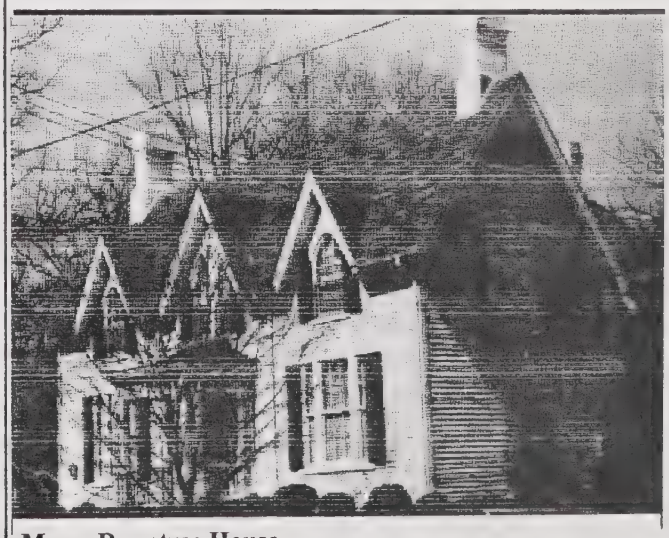

**Moses Rountree House**
Built ca. 1869, originally located on the site of St. Theresa's Church on Nash Street. Moved by his daughter, Fannie (Mrs. Frederick Woodard), to its present location on Rountree Street in about 1890. The house is thought to have been designed by brother-in-law, local architect, Oswald Lipscombe, in the Victorian Gothic cottage style, and is the only such dwelling which remains in Wilson today. Illustration from *Wilson Historic Buildings Survey*, Kate Ohno, 1980.

## Willie Daniel Obituary

*The Wilson Times,* Sept. 1, 1897
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

DEAD

One of Wilson's Oldest Citizens Passed Away Last Saturday Morning.

Last Saturday morning the angel of death visited a home in this city and removed therefrom the spirit of one of Wilson's oldest and most prominent citizens.

A few years after Wilson was incorporated, Mr. Willie Daniel, then a young business man, moved from Black Creek into the house on Nash street, then known as the old Watson house, and which has until now, been regarded as a land-mark. He immediately went into the general merchandising business with Mr. Wiley Rountree. After some years he retired from business, his time being occupied with attending to his valuable property around Wilson, which on account of the steady growth of the town, had greatly increased in value.

Mr. Daniel married [1847] Miss Eliza Rountree, who died some years ago. They never had children but adopted the daughters of Mrs. Rountree's [sic.] sister, Mrs. Ellis. These two ladies are now Mrs. [Minnie] Samuel Hodges and Mrs. [Bettie] E. F. McDaniel, both of this city.

Although a lifelong Republican and always voting the national Republican ticket, he would always vote for the man and not with the party in the State and county elections. Taking great interest in national politics, he was a great reader of the New York Herald, having taken that paper over 48 years and having paid over $400 in subscriptions to that paper.

In business, Mr. Daniel was a very conservative man, and was very successful, most of his wealth having come by the improvements in his investments of years ago. When a very young man, he joined the Masons and was held in high esteem by his brother Masons in his home lodge and throughout the State, up to his death.

Mr. Daniel had for years been a consistent Methodist, showing his love for the church years ago in a material way—the ground on which stands the present church being a gift from him. He also showed his philanthropy by giving the site for the old Deems school, which was afterwards used for the old Graded School and on which now stands the residence of Mr. Jas. T. Wiggins. But his smaller gifts will never be known on account of their number, the poor people being recipients of his bounty.

These facts, and others of which only a few knew, made him a man respected and beloved by the people.

He was regarded as one of the landmarks of the city and although he had attained the ripe age of 77, yet his death seemed untimely.

His final illness was not a long one. Last Tuesday week he was up and on the streets from a long illness, yet looking very well for a man his age. On Friday morning, however, he was stricken and on Saturday morning died.

*The Times* desires to extend its condolences to the bereaved.

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Resolutions of Respect

After so many years of honest, faithful service to his country, his church, his fellowman, and his God, a wise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our fellow laborer and christian friend, brother Willie Daniel. And since he has left us a life so fraught with good examples, wise teachings, and holy influences—a man deep and sincere convictions to which he was ever true—a gentleman of uprightness of purpose and firm resolves, yet withal of tender, loving and kind disposition—he was above all a devout christian—generous to a fault, of a forgiving spirit and true to friends, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That while we bow submissively to the divine will, yet we feel that our town has lost a generous benefactor, our community an honest citizen, our church a faithful liberal member and we ourselves a true friend and counselor.

2nd. That we shall ever cherish his virtues, emulate his noble examples and keep fresh in memory's urn his spotless name.

3rd. That we extend to his bereaved family our sincere condolence and warm christian sympathy and commend them to an ever kind Saviour our solace and comfort.

4th That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy to each of the town papers for publication and a copy spread upon the minutes of this Board.

Albert Anderson,
J. C. Hadley,
W. J. Davis,
Committee.

[Editor's notes: Eliza Rountree, b. 1826, d. 1890, was the daughter of Lewis, b. 1787, d. 1850, and Elizabeth Daniel, b. 1801, d. 1872, Rountree. Eliza's sister Harriett married J. Gray Ellis. Moses, Jonathan, William Daniel, Nathan Thomas, James, Lewis, Jr, Charles, and Albert Rountree were their brothers. Their other sisters were Margaret, married Howell Cobb Moss; Sarah, married Thomas Jordan; Penelope, married Oswald Lipscombe; and Betty. Wiley Rountree was an uncle of Eliza.

The 1882 map of Wilson shows the Willie and Eliza Daniel home as being on the Nash Street block between Pine and Tarboro Streets about one-fourth of the distance from Pine Street. Their home was shown as quite large and their land consisted of about one third of the block. The back of their property joined the Rountree Store.]

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**A Very Brief Rountree Family Wilson Connection**

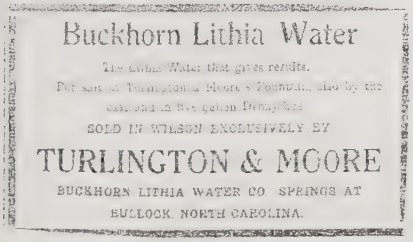
(see Family Connections on p. 75)

Francis Rountree (1649-1730) born in Ireland, lived in Nansemond County, VA, and died in Chowan County. His son, Thomas (1676-1747) born in Ireland, lived in Nansemond County, and died in Chowan County. His son, Moses Rountree (1700-1742), born in Chowan County moved to Bertie Co. (now Edgecombe?). His son, Francis (1742-1793) born in Bertie Co. and died in Edgecombe County. He acquired land on Contentnea Creek in 1775. His son, Moses (1754-1804) was born in Edgecombe County and died in Wayne County. He married Theresa Thomas (of Thomas Farms). Their son, Lewis (1787-1850) married Elizabeth Daniel (1801-1872) and they had Moses (1822-1887) and Jonathan (1819-1865) of Rountree's Emporium in Wilson.

(Thanks to Clement Lucas for this information)

**Herbert Rountree House**
Originally built about 1885 by Moses Rountree on Barnes Street behind his store. Moved to 100 W. Vance Street ca. 1895, probably by Herbert Rountree who lived there until he moved to Oxford in about 1914. Later owned by Lucinda Rackley and used as an antiques store. Recently purchased and demolished by the First Christian Church for use as a parking lot. From *Wilson Historic Buildings Inventory*, Kate Ohno 1980.

**James Rountree House**
This house is thought to have been built ca. 1888 by the son of Moses Rountree (and brother to Hubert). It later passed into the hands of the head of the American Tobacco Company, whose descendants still own this dwelling at 206 W. Nash Street. The elaborate Victorian style has been restored to the original vivid colors. From *Historic Buildings Inventory*, Kate Ohno 1980.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**Annual Social, June 2001**. (front row l-r) Frances Roberson, Paul Darden, Mary Anne Sheak, Grace Turner. (back row l-r) Sarah Kirby, Sue Powell, Henry Powell, Bobby Boykin, Dick Rountree, Brenda Thorne, Lena Smith, Jan Arthur, Carol Forbes, Carroll Arthur, . (There are no minutes from this meeting)

***Correction:***
***Trees of Wilson*, April 2001, pp. 39-**40. Thaddeus Lewis married Elizabeth Thorne as his first wife. They had two children; Alice (married an Edwards), and Emma (marrried Ernest Smith). He married second Martha Ann Louvenia Wiggins and they had nine children, one being Van Buren Lewis who married Alice Edith Harrell who were my parents. I make this correction in case someone uses this as a reference. From: Ann L. Cole (sister to Edna Lewis Looney)

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## President's Message

The autumn season is upon us and with that comes sweet potato pie, pumpkin bread and blooming mums. This, too, is the time of year you can go by the main Post Office on Mercer Street, sniff the air, and smell the tobacco in the nearby warehouse. How I love that smell and memories of childhood on the farm! These are all parts of what makes the fall of the year, along with the colorful leaves trickling down, and elections in November.

The most important message this month is that you should be at your local polling place on Tuesday, November 6 to cast your **YES** vote for the library bond. We have worked for seven years to get this on the ballot. Don't let us down now. Vote to support the renovation of this beautiful building which will double the size and create a larger genealogy and local history area.

If you live away from Wilson, please contact your relatives here to urge them to push the vote over the top and give us the enlarged facility we need so badly.

One other note. Each year we release a list of members and their surnames of interest. This has been done in the spring but has been delayed for various reasons. We are now getting ready to release this within the next month. Our surnames seem to always be out of date. Drop us a postcard today with your name and the surnames which you are researching. Please include your email address as well so we can be sure that you are listed on the WilsonNC discussion group.

As there were no further nominations from the floor at the September meeting for the 2002 officers of WCGS, we will have a voice vote at the October meeting. New officers will be installed in November, complete with a reception.

Carol M. Forbes
President

## October 23rd Meeting

This meeting will begin with the election of officers for 2002. No additional nominees were selected at the September meeting, therefore the slate remains:
President: Sue Evans Powell.
Vice President: Mary Anne Moore Sheak.
Secretary: Frances Wrenn Roberson.
Treasurer: Henry Powell.
Board Member (3-year term): Dick Rountree.
Board Member (to finish Sue's last year on the Board): Carol Forbes.

Mary Anne Sheak will present the program for the evening, on her experiences in preparing her book on the Moore family and various relations, including narratives, photographs, trees and much detailed family history. We often hear someone say "I ought to put all my stuff into a book." Mary Anne actually did this and will share her secrets of how to get moving to get the process completed. Her initial printing of 100 copies sold out immediately and she is now compiling a list of those who want a copy from a possible reprint.

Mary Anne will bring inspiration to everyone who has fears of getting their records into a computer, as she mastered a popular program which helped her to bring this project to completion. She will have a copy of the book to show around, but there are no further copies for sale at this time.

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## GET OUT AND VOTE!

### November 6 is THE DAY.

After waiting for many years, the Wilson County Public Library Expansion issue will be brought to the voters for approval as a bond issue. The renovation, slated to cost $5.3 million, will about double the size of the present building, expanding space for most services, and most importantly to us, provide a totally new, larger space for Genealogy and Local History. Wilson County Genealogy will finally be out of the closet where is has been located for many years.

Our library is one of the most important institutions in Wilson. Its condition is vital to everyone. It is an asset to economic development and to appeal to potential newcomers to Wilson. Since 1935, it has served our county with only the barest essentials for operation. A 333% increase in adult library usage since the last (and only) renovation in 1979 tells us there is a big need here.

Wilson County and its parent counties of Edgecombe, Wayne, Nash and Johnston were feeders for the great American westward expansion. We keep a log of visitors to the Genealogy Room which shows visitors from all over the US who come here, seeking their roots.

The time has come to greet our visitors and patrons with a renewed facility, fully expanded to include the wonderful wealth of family historical materials that exists for our county.

Take yourself to the polls on November 6, and take one or more voting friends with you to support the bond issue for the Wilson Co. Public Library expansion.

**We are sorry for the mistakes in the Trees mailing list over the past month. An old backup was accidentally loaded thus losing about 20 newer members. This has been corrected, we hope.**

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## Family Connections
## *Wilson Daily Times* September 17, 2001

**A Moore Family**

Many of our local families still harbor memories of a great grandfather, uncle or cousin who served the Southern Cause in The War - a conflict that will not soon fade from our collective memories. Other wars have come before, but all eventually melt into history. A series of events, which had a profound effect upon the settlement of America in the 17th century, were the English Civil Wars (1642-1651).

Our column this month relates to the probable situation of an English Moore family who, caught in the twists and swirls of that conflict, abandoned their home and livelihood to seek a better life in the wilderness of Virginia, leaving behind a culture which did not recognize that all men are created equal, with rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

This is certainly not the only Moore family that came to America, as the surname is old, widespread, and comes from several different sources. There was an old English given name, Mor, which became the surname More and later, Moore. The nickname, moor, was sometimes given to a person with a swarthy complexion like that of the Moors (Arabs) who settled in Spain many centuries ago; this also became a surname. One of the largest groups with this name came from the Welsh surname of Mohr which is probably of Celtic origin. Life in the little country of Wales was so poor that emigration was common into England, and many of our American Moore families could likely be traced to a Welsh origin.

The Moore family which we trace here was found in the English "Royal" County of Berkshire (pronounced Barkshire) which lies some 20 miles to the west of London. At the beginning of the Civil War, our Moore family lived in the Parish of St. Mary in the town of Reading (pronounced Redding). These were possibly watermen, a popular occupation of the time, involved in the moving of goods by barge along the river, as there was a direct water route to the lucrative London markets.

King Charles I came to the throne upon the death of his father, James I for whom our colony of Jamestown was named. Charles had a firm belief in the divine right of kings to have and do whatever they wanted. However; the world was changing, the political climate of England had already begun to swing toward hearing the voice of the people, and Parliament did not accept Charles's demands. The whole story is quite complicated, but basically Parliament engaged the services of a military leader, Oliver Cromwell, to bring Charles under control. Charles gathered the royal forces, and battles ensued throughout Great Britain.

History seldom records the effect of war on an individual family, and we don't know what really happened to our Moore family. By 1644, it appears that they had had enough and arrived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia in Northampton County where they settled on Occahannocke Creek. The Virginia land grant is actually dated October of 1656, but the first record refers to their arrival a dozen years before. It often took ten years or more for a grant to

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## MINNIE N. TAYLOR MOORE OBITUARY

*The Wilson Times,* December 16, 1913
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

### Death of Mrs. C. E. Moore

During last night the spirit of Mrs. C. B. Moore left its tenement of clay and was wafted into realms of the eternal beyond, to her home in the skies.

Only a few days ago she was in apparent good health, and the attack of spinal meningitis which laid her low and was responsible for her demise was so severe that it resisted all efforts of medical skill and nursing to circumvent.

Her death is a severe shock to her devoted husband, Dr. C. E. Moore, one of Wilson's most prominent physicians, her children and a host of relatives and friends in this and other sections of the State.

Mrs. Moore was exceptionally kind in her makeup, a devoted wife, mother and neighbor, beloved by all who knew her. The deceased was a staunch member of the Episcopal church and demonstrated every Christian virtue in her walk and department.

Besides her husband the fellowing [sic.] children mourn the departure of a devoted mother, they are: Dr. Carl Moore, Miss Mabel Moore, Mr. Ernest Moore, Mrs. Harry Walls, Miss Mary Moore, and Mrs. Valentine of Richmond.

The funeral occurred at four o'clock this afternoon from the residence was conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. G. Prosperi and was attended by a large concourse of friends.

The active pall bearers were as follows: Doctors M. M. Saliba, B. S. Herring, Charles Best, Messrs. J. A. Corbett, Ernest Deans, H. G. Whitehead, John C. Lamb, S. H. Anderson, Wm. Woodard, Charles Gay and Dr. N. B. Herring.

The honorary all bearers were: Messrs. W. J. Davis, W. J. Boykin, Jonas Oettinger, E. G. Rawlings, J. B. Williams, T. A. Davis, J. M. Leath, E. A. Darden, R. H. Fulghum, J. C. Eagles, W. H. Cozart, Doctors I. W. Lamm, Wade Anderson, W. S. Anderson, J. C. Grady.

[Editor's note: Copied as closely as possible as originally printed. The original was of poor quality and some names were extremely difficult to read.

Minnie Moore, born 15 November 1858, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson as was her husband, Dr. Charles E. Moore, born 10 June 1854, died 12 February 1941.]

## Dr. John H. Winstead Obituary

*The Tarboro' Southerner,* January 21, 1876
From the Hugh Johnston files

Died.—At his home at Joyner's Depot in Wilson county [one mile north of Elm City], on the 15th inst., Dr. John H. Winstead in the 43rd year of his age. Dr. W. was the eldest son of one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Nash County, Dr. W. Winstead, Esq., and brother of W. R. Winstead, well known as a thrifty young farmer, active democrat, good magistrate, now Dept. Sheriff, and last but not least, an earnest and appreciative peruser of *The Southerner.*

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be recorded. The records name Edward (1), Mary, Edward (2), and Richard Moore. Edward (1) acquired over 1100 acres of land in what is now Exmore on Rt. 13 on the isolated Eastern Shore.

Edward (2) married Margaret Williams from Nansemond County, daughter of Lewis Williams who had been in Wales in 1640. This Edward, b. 1640, appears to have been the son of a Richard Moore of Reading according to the Parish Register. Edward and Margaret had at least one son, Joseph who married Ann Hodges by 1718. His will was probated in Edgecombe County in 1757. They had at least eight children. One, James, was born in Bertie County in 1729. Two other sons moved to Martin County, NC.

James Moore of Bertie County (1729-1789) married Ann Ruffin and died in Halifax County, leaving at least six children, Amos, James, Joseph, Moses, Richard, and William Elijah, who moved to Edgecombe County.

William Elijah Moore (1748-1833) married Mary Sessums, and they had seven children, Samuel (1780-?), Theophilus (1781-1858), Exum (1785-?), William Elijah Jr. (1792-?), Martha Ann, Zada, and Etheldred. William Elijah lived in Edgecombe County, in an area that could now be part of Wilson County.

Theophilus married Millie Robbins in 1803. In 1855, when Wilson County was formed, the family's land was split between Wilson and Edgecombe Counties. Their graves are on Sam Williford Road in Wilson County. Their ten children, David, Joab, Stephen, Mary, Abraham, Isaac, Susannah, Milly, Elizabeth, and Theophilus Jr. are ancestors of many present day local Moores. A member of the Wilson County Genealogical Society recently published a book on her Moore ancestors which describes the descendants of Edward Moore that she has been able to verify. This book is shelved in the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library where visitors will find a fascinating collection of family stories, photographs and charts which tie this family into other families of the area.

This is only one of the several Moore families in our local area. One researcher tells of finding Moore family connections in Pitt County (perhaps related to the Martin County line?), and yet another finds connections with the Moore family of the agricultural empire connected with Wilmington's Orton Plantation.

Henry & Sue Powell
With Mary Anne Moore Sheak

## Aunt Jane Todd

by Albert R. Page, Sr.

Aunt Jane Todd's name was mentioned twice in the correspondence from J.J. Thorne to Wesley Doles, Sr. as reported in the Wilson County Genealogical Society's November 2000 issue of *TREES OF WILSON*, on pages 6 & 7. There seems to this writer to be two reasons why she would be mentioned in this Barnes family history. The first was that she lived so long and only died eight months earlier in Rocky Mount, N.C., six days after she celebrated her 100th birthday in 1939. The second reason may be more important and that was because she and her family were kin to the Barnes family. Aunt Jane Todd was a Skinner before she was married, and the Barnes and Skinner families had intermarried over the years in the home area of what is now Gardners Township of Wilson County.[1]

Aunt Jane Todd's birth name was Nancy Jane Skinner, and she was one of the daughters of the economically successful William Hasleton Skinner and his wife Rebecca Gill. Her siblings were: Thomas H., Mary Ann, Martha Ann, Jesse Lester, Van Buren, Felicia L., William Ann, Florence Rebecca, and Della Skinner.[2] Aunt Jane's father and Wesley Doles' grandmother Amey Ann Skinner Barnes were brother and sister.[3]

Nancy Jane Skinner could have never guessed she would live so long and see so many changes when she was born on her father's farm on what is today Cattail Road just south of the Rosebud Church Road on the 31st of August 1839. They were a family on the rise during that period of North Carolina and United States history there in old Edgecombe County. About sixteen years later that area where her family lived would be incorporated into the new Wilson County in 1855. Jane's father would experience good fortune in the farming and cotton business in the years before the Civil War. She was only 21 years old when her father died as a young man at age 52 in 1860 just before the outbreak of the War. She saw her three brothers march off to the War in the North. Van Buren Skinner would never come home to the family again. He died from a battlefield wound on the 9th of November 1862, in the Staunton, Virginia Hospital. At wars end the two remaining brothers Tom and Jesse came back home to the farm and the many changes brought by the lost conflict.[4] Of all the news certainly that of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln was not what those in Wilson County wanted to hear in April or May of 1865.

Jane's two older sisters Mary Ann and Martha Ann married William Edward Harrell and Mordecia Bass before the Civil War. No family marriages took place during the disturbing years of the war. Not many months went by after the war's end and life got back to some kind of normalcy in Wilson County when Nancy Jane Skinner married return C.S.A. veteran Wilson J. Todd on the 1st of January 1866.[5]

### The Todd Family

Todds were in the old Edgecombe County back in the late years of the 1700's. Even so there were never many of them there. It appears that Lewis Todd was present and participated in the American Revolution. His name and record are easily located in the published works of the war. There may be a connection to Josiah and then Hardy Todd mentioned in the records of old Edgecombe County just before the turn of the century in 1800.[6] No real case can be made here connecting Lewis Todd to what appears to be older Todds. Even Lewis Todd's family of procreation is hard to identify completely. The record seems to suggest he had sons William and James plus daughter Mary. The census records from 1790 to 1830 list a large family of at least seven children. None of them were of course named in these early census reports. By 1850 Lewis Todd was living with his married daughter Mary Lewis Etheridge. Lewis at that time was reported to be 90 years old.[7] On the 14th of February 1852, *THE SOUTHERNER* newspaper made this statement about Lewis Todd, "the last Revolutionary soldier of this county," died about December of 1851."[8] Over his life he had been a man of some property as the 1815 Edgecombe County tax record listed his land assets as 360 acres worth $625.00.[9]

**Aunt Jane Todd**

With all the above said, when Wilson J. Todd first appeared in the 1850 Edgecombe Census record by name, it appears his father was already dead. Wilson, listed as W.J. Todd, was at home with his mother Penina who was listed as 43 years old. Older brother John, 23, was home, and he was listed as a "wagoner". Brother Elbert and sister Alcy were there too. It is possible that Wilson Todd's father was a son of Lewis Todd, but no hard evidence has been found to support that assumption. There were no Edgecombe County records that survive found by this writer which would help solve this problem. A clue to the family's professional career is that which was listed behind John's name: "wagoner". They probably were in the wagon building and repair business. Later Wilson County records would more clearly identify the work they did during most of their lives.[10] On the 3rd of March 1859, the will of Wilson Todd indicated he had bought a few acres of land in and around the John Robbins and W.D.P. Sharpe families.[11] After that, with the exception of the Civil War years, the family would operate a shop for the next 37 years which was basically a blacksmith and wagon business in the Gardners School and Wilbanks area.[12]

When the first Wilson County Census was taken in 1860, Wilson Todd was listed as a wheel wright and living with his mother, and his brother Elbert was listed as a blacksmith.[13] When the War Between the States came along, Elbert enlisted in 1861 into Company B of the 2nd Infantry Regiment and one year later Wilson joined his brother to fight the Yankees. Older brother John seems to also have enlisted in 1862 in Company C of the 43rd Regiment. Elbert rose from private to sergeant, was wounded, and it appears he was decorated. He was paroled at Appomattox Court House on the 9th of April 1865.[14] Wilson was wounded at Chancellor-

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ville, Virginia on the 3rd of May 1863. He was wounded again in 1864 and spent time in the Wilson Hospital recuperating.[15] John was wounded in the right leg while in West Virginia about August 21st, 1864, and he was soon captured. The leg was amputated in a Federal hospital, and he spent the remainder of the War under Federal medical care until his transfer on March 6, 1865.[16] The brothers returned home after the war to continue their business and to find wives to help them in their lives.

Wilson Todd married neighbor Nancy Ann Skinner on the 1st of January 1866. She moved in with him and his family. The 1870 Wilson County Census records Wilson Todd to be 39 years old and a wheel wright. Jane was 29 and keeping house. Brother John was 45 and listed as working in the coach shop. Mother Penelope Todd was 60 and also at home. Elbert Todd was reported to be 33 years old and a farm laborer working with Nathan Everette. The Wilson Todd neighbors were listed as Amos Robbins, Thomas Bridgers, Martha Barnes Sharpe, Almon Wiggins, and Nathan Everette. The 1870 mortality schedule included the sad family information that Jane's mother, Rebecca Skinner, had died February 1869. She was buried in the Skinner family graveyard with her husband and others.[17]

The Todds made a good living but never owned more than a few acres of land. Wilson and Jane also never had any children. Elbert Todd married Sally Bell, the daughter of John W. and Rebecca Bell, when he was 35 and she was 21 on the 11th of February 1880, in Wilson County.[18] Later that year the census was gathered, and the Todd brothers were living next to each other probably near where Gardners School is located today. Their mother was living with Elbert, and she was listed as 74 years old. She does not appear in the records after this date. Wilson and Jane were next door, and both brothers were listed as blacksmiths.[19]

Wilson Todd may have been concerned about his health in 1884, or he may have just wanted his affairs to be up to date because the record indicates he drew up his will leaving his blacksmith shop, tools, and land to his wife Jane. John H. Robbins and E.C. Thomas witnessed the document.[20] It seems the Robbins always lived close, and the burial grounds of both Amos Robbins and John H. Robbins are there in the Gardners School location. In 1886 and 1888, the Wilson Todds sold off 2 acres to Jett Webb and Britton W. Barnes.[21] Elbert and his wife Sallie H. Bell had sold earlier in 1881 to John H. Robbins what was called the "E Todd Lot" of 2 acres for $200.00. It seems that they sold out their interest in the blacksmith business, but it is not known by this writer where they went thereafter. They were not listed on later Wilson County census records.[22] Jane Skinner Todd's sister Martha Ann Skinner, wife of Mordecia Bass, died at this time on the 26th day of January 1889. She was buried with other family relatives in the graveyard there on her farm which was on the Cattail Road by the Rosebud Church Road.[23]

The loss of the 1890 census continues to come home to haunt the family history researcher due to its being mostly destroyed by fire. Not having that valuable record handicaps all in further important research of the period. Without this source, the next records that give clues to this Todd family are Wilson Todds' will, court land records, and the sale of his shop and the remaining one and a half acres of land the family still held. It seems evident that Wilson Todd died in 1896 because the Wilson County Court probated his will on the 3rd of March. Jane Todd sold her husband's estate there in the Gardners Township on the 22nd of July 1896, for $125.00 to William David Pope Sharpe. The property joined Sharpe's and J. H. Robbins' land which was in the old Wilbanks and Gardners School area.[24] No evidence was found thereafter in the Wilson County records for either Wilson, John, or brother Elbert Todd and family.[25]

**Aunt Jane Todd's Widowhood**

After about 30 years of marriage, Jane Todd found she began to out live her close relatives. A second sister Florence Rebecca Skinner, wife of Henry Haywood Moore, died on the 1st of March 1898, due to T.B. She was buried at the old Skinner home place there on the Cattail Road in Gardners Township with her parents and other kin.[26] The 1900 Wilson County Census lists Jane Todd as living with her sister Mary Ann Skinner Harrell and family in the same township. Mary Ann's husband, William E. Harrell, had been with Company I of the 17th Regiment when he was killed near Petersburg, Virginia, on the 5th of July 1864, during the Civil War.[27] When the 1910 Wilson County Census was taken, Jane Todd was living with the Eli and Martha Robbins family in Gardners Township. She was listed as Aunt Jane Todd and was 68 years old.[28] The next year on the 30th of March 1911, Felicia L. Skinner Felton, another sister, died and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. She was the wife of C.S.A. soldier Shade Felton.[29]

Aunt Jane Todd soon left her home county of Wilson, after living there for more than 70 years, for the Rocky Mount side of Edgecombe County to live with another surviving sister Della Skinner, the widow of the late B. Frank Proctor. They lived at 712 Clark Street.[30] Jane and Della lost another sister, Willam Ann Skinner Barnes, on the 30th of July 1918. She was buried in the Maplewood Cemetery. William Ann was the wife of C.S.A. veteran Martin V. Barnes.[31]

When the 1920 census was taken, Jane Todd was in the household of sister Della Proctor and her family who remained at home at that time. Della was reported to be 66 and Jane was 77 years old.[32] That year Della and Jane lost yet another sister to death. Mary Ann Skinner Harrell died in Rocky Mount on the 26th of January 1920. She was buried in Maplewood Cemetery on the Felton plot with her sister Felicia.[33]

Those on the grand children level of the Proctor family interviewed by this writer all spoke highly of Aunt Jane Todd. They remembered her well, and she continued to live with their family through the decade of the 1920's. Jane was there in the Proctor home on Clark Street when her last sister died. Della A. Skinner Proctor died on the 23rd of December 1928 and was buried on Christmas day in Pineview Cemetery with other Proctor kin.[34] Jane was the last of her family of orientation to survive. The 1930 census listed her as over 90 years old as she lived with Della's son Blosker Lee and his family in the old Proctor home. Jane's two older brothers Thomas H.

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and Jesse Lester Skinner probably died earlier, but this writer has not been able to locate that information though the J.L. Skinner descendants are still in the Gardners Township and in the same general area where the old William Hasleton Skinner family lived back before the Civil War.[35]

The Great Depression was in full swing under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the 1930's. On the 31st of August 1939, the Rocky Mount *EVENING TELEGRAM* sent staff photographer Buggs Barringer out to cover the 100th birthday celebration at 712 Clark Street for Aunt Jane Todd. He photographed her in her favorite rocking chair with the *"Telegram"* in her lap as she happily and joyously sat and received kin and friends from in and out of the state.[36] Very few had been alive as long as she and seen what she had during the years from 1839 to 1939. When she was born, most of the west was not in the Union. Texas was struggling for its position and for statehood in the U.S. At that time there were no California, Oregon or Washington states on the west coast. The Mormons were still back in the east moving into Illinois before moving to Utah in 1847. The great western migration to the west had not begun until the 1840's. After the Mexican War of 1846 to 1848, the western part of the U. S. was added to the United States. The question of expansion of slavery into that new western territory would help bring on the Civil War. Had Jane been a man, she would have fought in that war. Industrialization of the United States followed the Civil War, and technology took control from that time on. Some modern conveniences, such as can goods, better transportation such as the transcontinental railroad, the automobile and air planes, she would see in time. Marvelous communication changes such as the telegraph, telephone and radio would make life in her world more instantly informed. With all the wonders that came in her 100 years, she also experienced the down side too. She had seen four major wars, and the Germans were on the rise again by her birthday. What must she have thought on that significant day?

Unfortunately, she didn't have too much time left in her life to consider the future and all the additional new changes that would come about. Sad as it was, and typical as it seems for old people, the next day after her 100th birthday, she fell at home and broke her hip on Friday, September 1st. She suffered for five days until Wednesday the 6th. The *EVENING TELEGRAM* published the following account on September 6[37]

**AGED RESIDENT TAKEN BY DEATH**

Funeral Rites for Mrs. Jane Todd To Be Held From Proctor Home

Mrs. Jane Skinner Todd, who observed her one hundredth birthday less than a week ago on August 31, died early today at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. B. L. Proctor, with whom she lived.

"Aunt Jane," as she was affectionately known to hundreds of friends, was ill only several days having broken her hip last Friday.

Mrs. Todd had made her home here with the Proctors for the past thirty years, coming here to live about eight years after her husband died. She was born in Edgecombe County between Wilson and Tarboro on August 31, 1839. She was married on January 1, 1863, to Wilson Todd, who preceded her in death.

"Aunt Jane" was known throughout the community for her sweet personality and splendid character. She was a life-long member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include the following nieces and nephews: B. L. Proctor, with whom she lived; J.H. Moore, Mrs. J.W. Boswell, W.P. Moore and Mrs. Mattie Dixon, all of this city; C. A. Proctor, of Portsmouth, Virginia; H.A. Proctor of Peach Creek, West Virginia; Mrs. C.S. Woodow of Charlotte; and B.F. Proctor of Selma.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Proctor home at 713 Clark Street on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Elder A. B. Denson and Elder Joe Flye officiating. Active pallbearers will be nephews of the deceased.[38]

**Concluding Remark**

It is not hard to see why J.J. Thorne included Aunt Jane Todd in his family description for Wesley Barnes Doles in 1940. She lived longer than most people, but more than that, she made a pleasant difference that was nice to remember then as well as now.

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14. *N.C.Troops, 1861-1865, Vol. III,* pg. 399 for Sergeant Elbert Todd.
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19. J.R. Boykin, *Wilson Co.N.C. 1880 Census*, pg. 431 for Bert Todd & Wilson Todd.
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22. Same source above for Elbert Todd land records.
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27. Same source as no. 25. See also *N.C.Troops 186-1865, Vol. VI*, pg. 276 for Private William Harrell.
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33. Norma Parker info. & J.L. Howell, *Wilson Co., N.C. Cemeteries Vol IV*, pg. 104 for Mary Ann Harrell.
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35. Jesse L. Skinner's family of kin continue to live in the Gardners Township of Wilson Co. today on Weaver Road and Highway 42.
36. Norma Parker info. & *The Evening Telegram* of Rocky Mount, N.C. for 31 Aug. 1939.
37. Norma Parker info & *The Evening Telegram* of Rocky Mount, N.C. for 6 Sept. 1939. Also see the Edgecombe Co. death certificate for Jane Todd 6 Sept. 1939.
38. Nancy Jane Skinner Todd was a life long member of the Primitive Baptist Church. After moving to Rocky Mount, she had her church membership transferred to the Falls of the Tar River P.B.C. A.B. Denson & Joe Flye were ministers from that church. (Norma Parker info.)

## Moore Family Records

Contributed by Grace Turner

A photocopy of the N. S. D. A. R. file dated Aug. 17, 1925, and notes by Hugh Johnston both located in the Hugh B. Johnston Collection in N. C. State Archives

The first Theophilus Moore, son of James, was born Feb. 9, 1761[81?]. His ancestors were pioneers from the Va. Colony who came on horseback seeking new homes. Their names were James Moore and Martha Watkins(?) Moore. They settled in what is now Edgecomb County, North Carolina, near what is now the city of Rocky Mount. Death of Theophilus Moore took place at his home near Rocky Mount Dec. 4, 1838 [58?]. He and his wife Milly Moore are buried at their family burying grounds.

Milly Robbins was born Aug. 26, 1776 in N. C. near what is now Batts Cross Roads. Milly Moore wife of Theophilus Moore died Sept. 9, 1861 at her home near Rocky Mount, N. C.

Theophilus Moore came of parents who were among the pioneers who settled in Virginia and later came to North Carolina.

Theophilus Moore was a boy of 14 years old when the Revolutionary War was fought. He and his father James Moore fought during the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and helped to establish the freedom of their country.

(This record was copied from the family records in a Bible which was owned by Theophilus Moore and is still in existence among the Moore's living near Rocky Mount, North Carolina.)

Theophilus Moore married Milly Robbins Dec. 1, 1803.

To his union were born ten children as is follows:

David Moore born Aug. 20, 1804
Joab Moore was born Nov 5, 1805. [This is the father of Elbert Timothy Moore who is your grandfather.]
Stephen Moore was born May 11, 1807.
Mary Moore was born May 28, 1809
Abraham and Isaac Moore were born Oct 22, 1811
Susannah Moore was born Aug 23, 1813.
Milly Moore was born Mar. 20, 1816
Elizabeth Moore was born Jan 22, 1818.
Theophilus Moore son of Theophilus Moore and Milly Moore was born Aug. 1, 1819.

Joab Moore married Martha Price Oct. 18, 1827.
To this union were born 14 children as follows.
John W. Moore was born Sep. 5, 1828
William Wesley Moore was born April 30, 1830.
James G. Moore was born Jan. 1, 1832.
Eli Wilson Moore was born Mar. 6, 1833
Elbert Timothy Moore was born Oct. 10, 1834. [my grandfather]
Sarah Ann Moore was born Mar 19, 1836.
Greenberry C. Moore was born Dec. 11, 1837.
Catherine Moore was born Dec. 31, 1839.
Caswell C. Moore was born July 18, 1842.
Emaeliza Martha Moore was born June 7, 1844

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Jesse A. Moore was born Dec. 1, 1846.
Wiley Rufus Moore was born Feb. 22, 1849.
Henry H. Moore was born Dec. 19, 1850.
Mary Della Moore was born Jan. 31, 1854.

Joab Moore died June 18, 1873 in Edgecomb County at his home and is buried at the old Moore family burying ground near Rocky Mount N. C.
Martha Moore wife of Joab Moore died in Edgecomb County N. C. Sept. 27, 1887 and lies beside her husband Joab Moore at the old family burying ground near Rocky Mount N. C.

Martha Price the daughter of Joel and Nancy Price was born in Edgecombe County May 2, 1811. She was a direct descendent of Nancy Evans who came from France.

In the two first pages I gave an exact copy of the Moore record as sent me by my aunt Mrs. J. J. Broughton of Pinewood South Carolina.

That record was not full enough and I wrote several letters asking for other information. I will give extracts from her letters as follows.

"She said that you might get some information from the land records where the Moores first got possession of the old home place which is now in possession of one Dave Moore."

"My record shows only the marriage of Joab Moore to Martha Price; as that is the one our immediate family is descended from. The Bible shows the others."

"The Moores were originally O'Moore and were from North Ireland."

"The name of the last owner of the Bible was Mrs. Elizabeth Moore Braswell (who owned the Bible when these records were copied) who died June 15, 1894.

"The Bible record merely states that James Moore and his sons were patriots and helped to establish liberty for N. C. and in connection mentions the facts of having fought as common soldiers at Moore's Creek Bridge."

"The information you want is hard to get except just the date of James Moore's death which is recorded in Theophilus Moore's Bible and it is May 19, 1781. There is no record of his birth, nor of his wife's birth or death. The old Bible is torn and much is lost, and perhaps these are lost. Johnnie Moore couldn't get it so I had to write to a distant cousin for the information. They say there is no tombstone to what is supposed to be James Moore's grave."

In the first blank I gave May 19, 1787 as the death date of James Moore. I made the mistake in copying a "1" as a "7." When you wrote me last year that I had given the wrong James Moore as a reference, I wrote several letters about it finding that the mistake had been made by me.

"James Moore came from somewhere near Williamsburg Virginia when he moved to N. C."

Theophiolus Moore, son of James Moore and Martha Watkins (?) Moore, had both brothers and sisters—and also one sister lived to be near 100 years old—her name was Patty or Patsy—it may have been Patricia and called Patty or Patsy. There were three of the old ladies. They were never married."

The records as given in the previous four pages are the ones from which I filled in my D. A. R. application papers.

The last service record sent in was furnished me by: Mrs. Daisy Crump Whitehead, 219 Hillcrest Rd. Raleigh, North Carolina. I was refered to her by The North Carolina Historical Association.)

Mrs. Fay Guill Dickens
Sparta
Georgia

In reply, I was requested to refer to J/H.
[Editor's note: The order of entries was slightly changed for ease in following the sequence of information.]

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE MOORE D. A. R. AND BIBLE RECORD OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.
Wilson, N. C. 27893
January 11, 1976

1. James Moore, father of Theophilus Moore, may have fought at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, but Theophilus Moore could hardly have been there. Proof that James Moore of Edgecombe County was a Revolutionary War soldier may exist, but has not yet been seen and evaluated by the present writer.
2. It is possible that Martha Watkins, wife of James Moore, was a sister of Stephen Watkins who died in Edgecombe County in 1799.
3. The Edgecombe County Census of 1820 indicates that 1781 is more likely than 1761 for the birth of Theophilus Moore, and the 1850 Census gives specific support for the year 1781. The latter Census also precludes 1838 as the year of his death, while making 1858 more plausible.
4. Whatever the age and reliability of the claim that Theophilus Moore of Edgecombe County was a son of James and Martha Moore, their descendants should explain or otherwise dispose of Theophilus Moore called son in the will of Elijah Moore of the aforesaid County on February 10, 1820 (Will Book F, p. 140), as well as in a deed dated September 15, 1832 (Deed Book 20, p. 423). It is also interesting to note that the Edgecombe County Census of 1820 listed only one Theophilus Moore, and he was living in the next house to William Walker. It is genealogically unsafe to leave loose-ends like these lying around.
5. In the Edgecombe County Census of 1850, we find listed David Moore, Theophilus Moore, Joab Moore, and Isaac Moore, as well as Joab's eldest son John W. Moore.
6. Since William Robbins, Jr., married Martha "Patty" Farmer on August 29, 1799, bonded by William Robbins, Sr., the Milly Robbins here was probably a daughter of William Robbins and wife Nancy (?).

**A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles** as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so will be listed in Trees in sections over the coming months. **This is Part 4.**

**Coleman Wiley 6/24/1863 36 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #500 Willie, age 32)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Petersburg 4/3/65; imprisoned at Hart's Island took oath 6/18/65
?wife Smithy Coleman, 1860 #500)

**CrockerJacob A. ??; Not in 1860 Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at South Mountain 7/4-5/63; imprisoned at Fort Delaware; paroled & exchanged 8/1/63; in hospital in 8/18/63; no further information

**Davis A. ??; Not in 1860 Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; hospitalized 5/2/63; transferred; paroled at Goldsboro 5/8/65

**Davis Henry 1/20/1862 22 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #130, age 23)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died of disease in Wilson Co., 8/64 (?Ned & Clary, 1860 #1130)

**Davis Nathan 5/28/1861 23 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1149, age 23)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1/62; deserted? 8/10/64 (wife Amanda, 1860 #1149)

**Davis Ransom 5/28/1861 20 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #669, age 20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63 & died in hospital 5/16/63

**Davis Rayford5/28/1861 20 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1130, Rafrew, age 20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded near Spotsylvania Court House 7/10/64; died in hospital in Lynchburg of pneumonia 11/29/64 (?
Ned & Clary, 1860 #1130)

**Davis Wiley 7/16/1861 26 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #190 William E., age 26 or #1147 William, age 25)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital in Richmond of pneumonia 2/20/63

**Davis William 5/27/1861 25 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #190 William E., age 26 or #1147 William, age 25)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Camp Potomac of pneumonia 9/14/61

**Davis Williamson 3/3/186231 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1150, age 28)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Chancellorsville 5/3/63 (wife Elizabeth; 1860 #1150)

**Deans Andrew Jackson5/9/1862 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census A.J.., #059)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; captured at Petersburg 4/3/65; imprisoned at Hart's Island, took oath **6/18/65**
(?wife Martha H., 1860 #059)

**Deans David 5/28/1861 19 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1113; age 18)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured & paroled at Sharpsburg 9/21/62; wounded at Gettysburg 7/1-3/63; captured at Petersburg 4/3/65; imprisoned at Hart's Island; took oath 6/18/65 Bartley & Elizabeth Deans (1860 #1113)

**Dixon Wiley Grey2/3/186224 Wilson Co. in 1862**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; hospitalized; transferred 4/4/64 with paralysis of left leg

**Eatmon Alsey W. 5/28/1861 21 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1094; age 20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal; captured at Sharpsburg 9/17/62 & paroled at Sharpsburg 9/21/62; died in hospital 11/12/62 of disease or wound Peter & Millicent Eatmon (1860 #1094)

**Eatman Henry R. 5/28/1861 20 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital in Richmond of febris typhoides 11/10-24/62

**Eatman John11/11/1861 18 Wilson Co.(?1860 Cens. #1094 John L.age 15)**
*Military Service Record* Camp Potomac *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Chancellorsville 5/3/63

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**Eatman Raymond 5/28/1861 29 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1117, age 24)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured Loudoun Co. Va 12/6/62; imprisoned Ft. McHenry; paroled & exchanged; captured Strasburg, Va 10/19/64; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 5/13/65 ?mother Zillah Eatmon, 1860 Census #1117

**Eatman Taylor 4/29/1862 18 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #117; age 16)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded 8/30/62; wounded at Chancellorsville; captured at Burkeville, Va 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/12/65 mother Zillah Eatmon (1860 #117)

**Evans Alfred 1/12/1864 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #995; age 15 residence of William & Rody Peele)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Spotsylvania 5/12/64 John & Penelope Evans (1860 #995)

**Evans Hartwell 5/28/1861 23 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #455; age 22)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1/62 & died of wound in Wilson 8/62 (wife Martha, 1860 #455)

**Evans John 11/11/1861 35 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #995, age 37)**
*Military Service Record* Camp Potomac *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; died in hospital at Lynchburg of chronic diarreha 2/6/63 (?wife Penelope, 1860 #995)

**Ferrell William C. 5/28/1861 21 Nash Co. (1860 Census #0341, age 20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1/62; transferred to 4th NC Cavalry 10/18/62 Fisher H. ??; not in Wilson 1860 Cenus

**Flora John 5/27/1861 19 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #461, age 17, at residence of Jonathan & Martha E. Bulluck)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Ellerson's Mill or Beaver Dam Creek 6/26/62; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; wounded 12/24/64; furloughed 12/31/64; no further record

**Flowers Duncan Lamon 5/27/1861 23 Wilson Co.(born in Edgecombe)(1860 Census #600, age 23)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital in Fredericksburg of typhoid 10/23/61 Hardy & Sallie Flowers (1860 #600)

**Flowers Eatman 5/28/1861 20 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1003, age20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
FPrivate; wounded skirmish near Richmond 7/21/62; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; wounded at Gettysburg 7/2-3/63; captured Harper's Farm 4/6/65 and imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/26/65 Duncan & Nellie Fowers (1860 #1003)

**Flowers Gray L 5/28/1861 30 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #985, age 28)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal then Private; killed Malvern Hill 7/1/62 (wife Abi Flowers 1860 #985)

**Flowers Jacob Henry 5/27/1861 20 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #600, age 20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; missing & presumed killed at Sharpsburg 9/17/62 Hardy & Sallie Flowers (1860 #600)

**Flowers James Edward 5/27/1861 18 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #600, age 15)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; mortally wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; died from wound and disease at Harrisonburg, Va 10/4/62 Hardy & Sallie Flowers (1860 #600)

**Flowers Ruffin 5/28/1861 25 Wilson Co. (1860 #1003, age 24)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded in skirmish near Richmond 7/21/62; died from his wounds 7/62 Duncan & Nellie Flowers (1860 #1003)

**Flowers Thomas 5/28/1861 23 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #998 at home of Nancy Flowers, age 70)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; present at Appomattox 4/9/65

**Flowers Willie Gray 1/20/1862 19 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #600, age 18)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Chancellorsville 5/3/63 Hardy & Sallie Flowers (1860 #600)

**Flowers William Hardy 5/27/1861 27 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #598, age 28 at home of Levy & Martha Hayes)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Gettysburg 7/2-3/63; killed at Spotsylvania 5/12/64 Hardy & Sallie Flowers, (1860 #600)

## Dedication Service

## and

## Highway Marker Unveiling

In Honor of

## The Reverend Dr. Owen Lun West Smith

Sunday, September 16, 2001

Rev. Smith, son of Ollin and Maria Hicks Smith, was born into slavery in 1851 in Sampson County, NC. He was attached to the Union Army in Alexandria at the end of the Civil War after which he returned to North Carolina and later became a teacher in South Carolina. He studied law and obtained a preacher's license in the A.M.E. Zion Church in 1881 in Whiteville. He then took churches in Stantonsburg, Kinston, Tarboro, and other towns in N. C. In 1898, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Livingstone College and, in the same year, was appointed by President William McKinley, as Consul General of Liberia where he also did church mission work during his four-year term. Dr. Smith returned to Wilson where he became pastor of St. John A.M.E Zion Church at 119 N. Pender Street, the site of the new highway marker. He passed away January 5, 1926, at the age of 74, at his home at 200 N. Pender St., Wilson, and was buried at the Mt. Hebron Masonic Lodge in Wilson.

Rev. Smith married three times, 1st to Lucy Ann Jackson, who died April 1878; 2nd to Adora Estell Oden, who died 1906, with whom he had three children who all died before adulthood; and 3rd to Cynthia Ann King Isler, who died 1921, a widow with four children.

## John H. Lucas Obituary

*The Daily Times,* October 8, 1915
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

**Mr. John H. Lucas Of Lucama Is Dead**

Prominent Farmer of This Community Passes Away After A Lingering Illness.

Last night at 10 o'clock, at his home in Lucama, Mr. John H. Lucas departed this life following a lingering illness.

He was a prominent farmer of this community. He has been a staunch member of the Free Will Baptist Church for many years, and was also a Loyal Mason.

The deceased is survived by three brothers and one sister, Mr. Silas Lucas, of this city, Mr. E. T. Lucas and Larry Lucas, of Lucama, and Mrs. A. M. Moore, of Lucama.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Masonic ceremony being used, and the interment was made in the family cemetery.

Mr. Lucas was a progressive and popular citizen of Lucama, and his demise is mourned by a host of friends

## Minutes September 25, 2001

The first meeting of the fall season of WCGS was held at the Wilson County Public Library on September 25, 2001.

Carol Forbes, President, presided. Visitors, Eileen Skinner and Preston Pittman of New York City were introduced. Also recognized was Jimmy Ballance of the Fremont Historical Society.

Minutes of the previous meeting which were printed in *Trees of Wilson* were noted and approved as written.

In his Treasurer's Report, Henry Powell reported a cash balance of $7,905.15. He said that our books are selling well, including Hugh Johnston records, Bridgers Family Book, and Roy Taylor's books, any of which would make nice gifts.

Brenda Thorne reminded members of the annual NCGS Workshop to be held November 2, 2001, at Wake Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC.

Debbie Webb, staff Librarian, conducted tours of the library genealogy room, pointing out the sections of and additions to the library collections.

During a brief Show and Tell session, Rufus Swain showed a Civil War gun that had belonged to his Civil War ancestor.

Also several ancestral photos were exhibited as well as an early 1900's birth certificate by Joan Howell.

Reese Ferrell reviewed his 1840 Nash County Census which he has compiled.

Sue Powell showed an award which her mother, Josie Harrison, had received in 1926, the Albert Oettinger Essay award.

Henry Powell brought a "Wayne County treasure", an 1800 family Bible which had belonged to Abigail Peele Jinnette who had lived in Pikeville, NC.

Preston Pittman, of New York, displayed a Luper-Riley Hat and hatbox, artifacts of a popular Wilson women's hat shop in the 1900's.

Afterwards guests and members enjoyed fellowship with each other and discussing the artifacts that were brought in for showing, the library tour, and new family history discoverys. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenore Smith,
Secretary

## Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

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# TREES OF WILSON

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## President's Message

This year Thanksgiving has a special meaning. Some of our loved ones are over seas fighting the enemy. We pray a special prayer for our soldiers in Afghanistan. They will spend Thanksgiving on foreign soil instead of with their families. When you sit down for turkey and trimmings this year be sure and remember our soldiers over there.

For two years now I have served as President of WCGS, so this is good bye. I will not go far, but to a Board seat for a year. I look forward to still having a voice in WCGS. This has been a learning experience for me, and I look forward to the year ahead and the many things we hope to accomplish. It is my wish that WCGS will continue to be worth while and entertaining for you and will hold your interest for years to come.

Make everyday of the year Thanksgiving and God Bless America!

Carol M. Forbes
President

## Turner Recognized

Grace Turner, a founding member of WCGS, was recognized at the 2001 annual meeting of the North Carolina Genealogical Society in Raleigh on November 3.

Grace was presented with a framed certificate which commended her lifetime of services to genealogy in North Carolina. Her daughters and grandson were present for the ceremony. Grandson, Will (20 months old), when asked who was being honored, dutifully replied "Dace Turner".

Members of the NCGS commented with gratitude on Grace's Saturdays at NC State Archives, in her normal position in the far left corner where she has been found for many years, and wished her many more happy years.

## November 27th Meeting

This meeting will begin with the installation of officers for 2002.
President: Sue Evans Powell.
Vice President: Mary Anne Moore Sheak.
Secretary: Frances Wrenn Roberson.
Treasurer: Henry Powell.
Board Member (3-year term): Dick Rountree.
Board Member (to finish Sue's last year on the Board): Carol Forbes.
(Grace Turner has two more years left in her term)

We hope to have a special visitor present to help to install the new officers and to make incidental comments.

As this is the annual meeting of the Society, reports will be given on the various projects, membership, and on the financial condition.

Following the business session, there will be a reception to honor officers leaving office and to welcome new officers.

## Reminder ...

**There will not be an issue of *Trees* in December. We wish you all a happy holiday season. We'll be back in January with more family chronicles.**

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## Dues Renewal Bonus

Members who renew their membership with payment of dues for 2002, and new members who join WCGS prior to January 30 will receive a special bonus this year.

**2002**
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**Western Wilson County**
**Family Heritage**
**Calendar**

Each page of this 8 1/2 x 11 document will feature a different family from the Wilson "Piedmont" section around Rock Ridge, covering the area of the county to the west of Interstate 95.

Some of the families which will be featured include Raper, Boykin, Fulghum, Renfrow, Williamson, and Hinnant. The calendar is filled with photogaphs of local churches, old family homes, outbuildings and rural scenes.

The calendar is free to new members and members who renew, and these members may buy additional copies for gifts at only $5.00 which includes shipping. NC residents add 6.5% sales tax of $0.33. Non-members may purchase the calendar for $10 including shipping. NC residents add 6.5% sales tax of $0.65. The calendar will be released in about mid-December, in time for holiday giving.

Here is a reduced image of one photograph, the Alfred Boykin house on Rt. 581, built about 1850. Boykin was an early city commissioner.

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## Family Connections
## *Wilson Daily Times* October , 2001

### The Hinnant Family

Some families give up the history of their origins more readily than others. Some, such as the Hinnants, are less willing to let researchers in on their family secrets. The first solid evidence of our local Hinnant family comes from land records in Edgecombe County in 1752, when John Hinnant was granted 177 acres on "Mockson" Creek in Edgecombe County (our present Moccasin Creek now in Nash County). He soon bought 50 acres, and more later, on the south side of Contentnea Creek in Johnston County, now on Buckhorn Reservoir. This area became part of Wilson County in 1855.

There was a family in colonial Bertie County, near the present town of Windsor, by the name of Hennard, sometimes spelled Hinniard. Some researchers claim that this was a variation of the Hinton name, and that the two names were used interchangeably. The Hinton family, with clearly defined English origins, came to North Carolina from colonial Nansemond County. The Daughters of the American Revolution have recognized a claim for membership of an applicant who used this Hinton / Hinniard / Hinnant line. We find no other researchers who accept Hinnant as a variant on the spelling of Hinton. This Hinniard name was found again in 1743 when John Hinniard bought 300 acres on the "Tarr" River in Edgecombe County. This may be the same John Hinnant who later bought land on Contentnea Creek in Johnston County (as above) but similarity of names does not constitute proof in this case.

"The History of Wilson County and its Families" (1985, out of print) lists a Hinnant family member as possibly coming from a Huguenot family of Hainault, France, who settled on the Neuse River around 1700. There was a Hinant emigrant to America from Hainault, Belgium, who came to Texas in the mid 1800s. That family does not seem to be connected with our local Hinnant family. However, the Huguenot movement provides an interesting byway in the pursuit of this family name. The American Huguenot Society does not recognize "Hinnant" as a member of their group; their only close match is a Henot family of Connecticut, and we found no evidence of any move south by that family.

The Huguenots are French protestants who fled from France after 1550 upon the edict of the French King that protestants would not be allowed in France. Become Catholic or be persecuted. This was a cruel law (now repealed) that caused thousands of French to migrate to England and America. There was a large French colony on the James River at Richmond, some of whom later came to the Neuse River area of North Carolina, and the English Navy even brought a shipload of Huguenots to "Carolina" in 1654. Some think the immigrant, Jean Aunant of Charleston, SC, originally of Nimes, France, could be the Hinnant family founder. There was also a Huguenot settlement in Nansemond County, Virginia in 1629 (no names available). The origins of our Hinnant family may well lie within this series of events. We have more data and will report further on this possibility. The weight of evidence at this time points toward a family origin as other than English.

One other possibility has been put forward. There is an obscure Irish surname found only in the Counties of Limerick and Tipperary. Spelled in Irish Gaelic as O'hEidhneain, it is found now as Hinan, Hinnent, Hynan and Hynen on a very localized basis. Tipperary was greatly exploited for coal mining in the 1700s. We have not explored immigration from this county to America.

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## BETTIE FULGHUM HINNANT OBITUARY

*The Wilson Times*, August 21, 1896
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

**A Good Woman Gone.**

On Sunday night August 2nd, Mrs. Bettie Hinnant, wife of Mr. Joseph L. Hinnant and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fulghum, died at the age of twenty-four years, ten months and eighteen days, having been born Sept. 10th 1871. She and her husband had been married only about nineteen months when the fatal hour came.

The task of writing this sketch should have fallen to some one more intimately acquainted with Mrs. Hinnant that full justice might be accorded her many virtues, but my imperfect acquaintance with her for about eight years, together with the testimony of those who did know her will sustain me in what I shall say. From her early childhood she has been noted and loved for her perfect piety. When a mere girl she connected herself with the M. E. Church at Buck Horne and has since been one of its most faithful and consistent members. Her conversation was always in the main religious, exhibiting her true and inward character. Her church was her shield and delight, her Bible her comfort, and her God, her all. During the short time she lived with her husband she was for the most part very unwell, but bore all afflictions with a wonderful resignation. For some time she had been conscious that the end was near but all hoped for the better. No one expected it when it came and few were ready to receive it.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. B. Culbreth, after which her remains were interred in the family grave yard at her fathers'. She was a loving, obedient, and dutiful daughter, a kind and affectionate sister, an exemplary christian, and a wife such as the above qualities only can make. She left a kind and devoted husband and a little son only two weeks old. But the sublime and consoling thought which was on the lips of her nearest kindred in their sorest trouble and her husband in his deepest gloom that "surely she was a Christian if there ever was one," is enough.

"She has gone to her grave in peace,
Gone like the white sea foam,
Gone with the love-light in her eyes
To her celestial home."

"Gone to her Savior's love,
Gone to the angels bright
Gone, far away beyond the stars,
Up to the world of light."

"Sleep on thou noble one,
Life's battles now are o'er;
Thy heavenly joys have just begun,
To end, ah! never more."

A FRIEND.

*(**The Hinnant Family**, Continued from page 110)*

We will continue to follow John Hinnant (d. 1767) on the banks of Contentnea Creek. His wife's name is not known; his children were William (1729-1801), Mary, John Jr. (1752-1783), Bethana (1762-1822), Patience (?-1830), Edea (1754-?), and Elizabeth.

The large number of present Hinnant residents of Johnston and Wilson Counties all appear to descend from this family and are merged with numerous other families throughout the area. John Jr. served the Colonial Militia during the Revolutionary War period as a Court Justice. His children, with wife Mary, included Jonathan, William, Richard, John III, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Mary.

Patience Hinnant married John Newsom in 1765. He died in 1790, and she married again, to Jesse Aycock, Sr. of Wayne County, a founder of the local line which produced NC Governor Charles Brantley Aycock. Patience and Jesse had no children. .

Most of our local Hinnants seem to descend from William. His children and their spouses include: James m. Martha Williamson, William m. Sarah Barnes, Charity m. Noel Renfrow, John m. Mary Crouch, Josiah m. Charity Creech, Jean m. Mr. Adams, Milly m. Mr. Garrett, Edith m. Mr. Evans, and Sarah m. Mr. Renfrow. Our former governor, James B. Hunt, descends from Charity and Noel Renfrow.

In light of the lack of definitive family files on the Hinnants, those who want to know more about their ancestors are urged to visit the Wilson County Public Library Genealogy Room where volunteer assistance is often available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Wilson County census from 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 will provide numerous details on family members, and the Wilson County Cemetery books have listings of burials for many of these as well. There is a wealth of earlier records from Johnston, Nash and Edgecombe Counties to help in defining your own connections.

Henry & Sue Powell

## Mary A. Lucas Obituary

*The Daily Times*, January 20, 1915
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mrs. Mary A. Lucas

Mrs. Mary A. Lucas, an aged lady of Lucama, died yesterday morning after a lingering illness of two years from paralysis.

Mrs. Lucas, who was 87 years old, was the wife of Capt. Ruffin Barnes, who commanded a Wilson county company in the Civil War. He was wounded in battle and died in Smithfield, Va., from his wounds.

After the war his widow married Mr. J. H. Lucas, of Lucama.

Mrs. Lucas is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. L. F. Lucas of this city and Mrs. Newsome of Lucama, and a large circle of friends.

## PREPARATIONS FOR WWI

**A collection of articles from *The Wilson Times***

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

June 22, 1916

**WILSON LIGHT INFANTRY**

Company K Has Been Enlarged to Number 66 up Until Noon Today

Captain Giddens expects to reach the hundred mark in a day or two. Between 15 and 20 new men have enlisted since orders were received to put the company in readiness.

The following are the names of those enlisted in Company K, N. C. N. G.:

Captain, L. D. Giddens; 1st lieutenant, S. D. Harrell; 2nd lieutenant, W. H. Dunn; 1st sergeant, C. E. Riley; sergeants, W. E. Dunn, F. E. Felton, Q. M. sergeant, C. F. Batts, sergeants, L. W. Morton and R. A. Moore; corporals, C. F. Beland, M. E. Beland, L. T. Draughan, C. E. Wallace, E. W. Webb; cook, L. C. Cooper; musician, J. H. Shackleford; artillery, R. E. Varnell; privates, J. H. Best, Jr., G. C. Boswell, C. L. Flora, Perry Godwin, J. I. Hales, J. B. Mumford, C. J. Mumford, E. R. Nolley, C. L. Perry, Jr., J. T. Pittman, H. D. Price, Geo. A. Stroud, J. M. Swinson, J. J. Teacher, J. N. Thomas, C. E. Wallace, J. R. Brinkley, Vance Harrell, Jodie Baines, Roy Cousins, J. D. Lee, Jr., W. E. Lee, Claude Williams, F. J. Bridgers, A. J. Shackleford, L. B. Thomas, J. M. Montague, J. E. Harrell, E. C. Thaxton, E. C. Flora, R. B. Wilkinson, Wm. R. Mears, M. B. Holderby, W. C. Bissett, Robt L. Yelverton, M. H. Whichard, J. L. Williams, Jim Perry, J. B. Avery, W. J. Baker, J. E. Burress, J. H. Wheeer [sic.], W. W. Ahlfeld, W. G. Bullock, Thomas I. Rodgers, N. D. Barbour, E. F. Boswell, F. P. Walters, J. D. Kirby.

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June 30, 1916

**INTERESTING LETTER FROM CAPT. GIDDENS**

Camp Glenn, June 29, 1916

Dear Folks at Home:

The company arrived all O. K. at about 8:30 last night and everyone is able to walk today. We found no cots or blankets to sleep on and only tents with the sand as quarters.

We were tired out so were soon to bed and made out to "pass through the night."

The men, as the officers look today as if in a dream (those who are awake at all.)

This morning we did not get any food issued until after 10:00 o'clock and therefore did not get any breakfast until after 11:30; no dinner and at about dark we did manage to get some fish and had supper.

There is a shortage of everything here except "orders" from everyone who has had the authority to send out any.

The physical examination is giving us everyone lots of concern inasmuch as it is very rigid. One company from Asheville today had over 40 men turned down, leaving them only about 45 in the company. It was a sad sight this morning when the east bound train left camp with over 200 good looking men who had been turned down and were leaving for home. There were many tears among them, as they were in earnest about doing service for the President and the United States.

So far there has been about 25 per cent of the men examined declined for most every cause or defect. Some for flat foot, corns, ingrowing nails, eyes, ears, nose, throat, lung, heart, and many other things, they did not think "ailed them."

Some were too light, some to heavy, some too tall, some too short and it begins to look like the Woman Suffragette was right when she said, "there are no perfect men."

Most of us from Wilson are expecting to return home some day soon, or at least they will not be surprised if we have some men declined.

We are tonight getting to bed "on the ground again" all except the officers who have found a board, each and will try to find some soft spot on them. Lieut. Dunn has just remarked that he is going to "try the sand again," so it looks like another night on the sand. Private Wilcher remarked this morning that he wishes we did have to fight today" as we all had so much sand "in our craws." Lieut. Harrell had just "turned over and is now proclaiming that his hip joints have split the board and wants to try mine a while."

The staff officers are dubbing Company K, "The Regulars" and it is really wonderful the few kicks make by this company of men.

Today has been a very busy day for everyone in camp and a lot of work has been done all along the line and the camp is rapidly getting in ship shape.

Little Jim Roundtree, Tom Anderson and Lewis Giddens came out tonight to eat supper with us and spend the night, and since trying our boards they have decided to go on the sand. These American boys are a lot of pleasure to the men in this camp and they seem to be enjoying every minute spent with us.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to Sunday, when we think some of our dear Wilson folks will come down to see us.

The indications that our regiment will be here for some days, maybe two weeks or longer.

With lots of love from every member of the company to all friends and relatives.

COMPANY K, OF WILSON,
By the Captain.

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July 5, 1916

**COMPANY K. LOSES 24 MEN**

RIGID PHYSICAL EXAMINATION CONSIDERABLY REDUCES NUMBER OF OUR BOYS

**50 MORE MEN WANTED**

(Special to The Times)

Camp Glenn, Morehead City, July 5.

Wilson's company has just finished the physical examination and the following were disqualified: M. E. Beland, L. T. Draughn, C. E. Flora, K. Q. Wallace, L. C. Cooper, W. Elton Lee, W. W. Ahlfeld, Thos. Bridgers, Wm. G. Bullock, Nathan Boyette, Murrell B. Holderby, Wm. Honeycutt, Chas. Marlowe, Jno. Montague, Ernest Nolley, Custus L. Perry, Jr., Hermon Price, J. R. Parker, J. M. Swinson, Jeffrey J. Teachey, C. E. Wallace, Vernon Ward, Jno. E. Williams, Jno. Perry. The following were in the hospital sick: J. N.

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Perry, wounded by accident while unloading goods; Thos. I. Rogers, hurt while pitching tent and in hospital; C. F. Beland, these three were deferred until they are able to be examined. Recruiting officer will arrive tomorrow and we will have to get at least 50 good men more. All the other boys are well.

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July 6, 1916

Captain Giddens Returns

Captain Giddens of our Wilson company returned last night bringing the 24 men who were rejected after failing to pass the physical examination. He and Sergeant Carl Batts are ordered here as recruiting officers with instructions to enlist 50 men, and will be here for a day or two.

They report all the boys well and singing "My Soldier Boy" and "Mexico" and enjoying camp life as soldiers.

We are happy to learn that every member of our military company took the "dual oath," and also to hear the compliments paid the company as a whole.

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July 7, 1916

K's Disqualified Return

Those members of Company K who were disqualified by the recent examination, returned home last night at 10:37, twenty-four strong. They were accompanied by Captain Giddens and Quartermaster Batts who will be indefinitely engaged here in recruiting fresh recruits.

Quite a store of information concerning camp life was furnished to the curious this morning. It is said that the continuous function of physical examinations permited [sic.] only a small amount of drill, Company K having drilled in all not more than four or five hours. The usual examination required about fifteen minutes, making the examining of several thousand men no brief task. The boys spent their idle moments in fishing and swimming among the waters of the sound, but were allowed to see very little of Morehead. They insist that any food furnished by our people would be taken care of, even in respect to barbecue. Rice, potatoes, bread and meat, were the customary diet at camp, which was not so bad as is imagined.

The following list, given by one of the boys, shows humorously and seriously the causes of disqualification:

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| Undersized | 6 |
| Flatfooted | 2 |
| Lapping toes | 1 |
| Heart trouble | 3 |
| Coarse veins | 2 |
| Bad eyesight | 4 |
| Sore hand | 1 |
| Rheumatism | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 4 |
| | 24 |

## ED. HEARNE LETTERS FROM CAMP

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

*The Wilson Times,* July 6, 1916

Camp Glenn, July 4th, 1916

Dear Editor:

If you will excuse pencil which by the way, is one of our highly esteemed luxuries, I will say a few words regarding the boys of Co. K.

We arrive here safe and sound, probably we are safer now than when we arrived but I couldn't vouch for the sound part of the expression, but if beans and fat meat will make one strong we are as solid as Gibralta. Somehow, I think the boys, or rather the majority of the boys—had pictured Camp Glenn as a dream of happiness: a place second to the "Happy Hunting Ground" but to those who told such heavenly visions, to those whose air castles were soaring so high, came a puncture that caused them to hit the earth with such force that they still have the headache from the shock. But things could have been a great deal worse had we not have had such a noble sympathetic Captain.

It was his kind words that softened the boards we slept on until our cots arrived. It was his smiling face that made us content with what we had to eat until better could be obtained, and to prove that the love he has for his boys comes from the depths of his heart, he always sees to it, that they have a plenty before he is served, saying, "Let my boys get a plenty, anything will do for me." And there's not a boy in company K., that doesn't feel as honored to be under Captain Giddens as he would to have been a captain under George Washington.

Examinations are to begin to- [line omitted here] ing forward with great expectations. Some are trying to fatten, others trying to shrink up. But in twenty-four hours we shall know our fate and feel more settled. If the majority of us were to land in Wilson now the town would take all of us for either Villa or Carranza, for some of the boys are tying their beards with "nut grass" to keep it from tangling.

Private Holderby is raving over by the mess hall. I beg your pardon, he's reciting Shakespeare.

Perry Godwin is parading around K street with his hat as high as he can get it, decorated in various places with blossoms from an Adam's needle bloom rehearsing for his funeral.

The other members of the company are as well as could be expected and are enjoying life, living in hopes of seeing a number of our dear Wilson people down to see us Sunday.

With best wishes from all of us.

Sincerely,
ED. HEARNE.

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**The Wilson Times, July 11, 1916**

**BIG DINNER AT CAMP**

Camp Glenn, N. C., July 10, 1916

Dear Editor and Folks at Home:

In behalf of Captain Giddens, Lieuts. Harrel and Dunn, and the "Boys of Co. K," I wish to thank each one of you for the excellent dinner served us yesterday through the kindness of you dear folks at Wilson. As it would be impossible to write each individual a separate letter, we take this means of expressing our gratitude to you who are always thinking of us, and furnishing us with every luxury that could be desired.

Yesterday as we boys "fell-in" at the sound of the "mess call"—little did we realize the royal spread we were about to

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sit down to. Of course, being used to the regular menu, consisting of fat meat, army beans and "hard tack," we were more than surprised when we walked in and beheld a spread "fit for a king." It may be childish to make such a remark, but nevertheless it's the truth so I must say that the first thing caught our eyes were the large cakes with the hole in the center. It had been so long since we had seen such an article that we had forgotten such luxuries were in circulation; so I really believe we ate our desert [sic.] first. Then after recovering sufficiently to look around us we found that there lay before us snap beans, cucumbers, beets and other "goodies" that received a hearty welcome to Camp Glenn. We do appreciate your kindness to us so much and will never be able to thank you enough in return. No other company at Camp Glenn has been treated as royally as Company K and every soldier here wishes he was from Wilson. One company was bragging over the fact that they had had eggs for breakfast one morning and each one had one a piece. One of our boys said: "Humph—that's nothing, we have had eleven crates since we have been here." The other fellow replied: "Shet yo' mouth. Where is you from?" So everyone in all three regiments is aware of the fact that Wilson is ever thoughtful of her "Boys in Brown."

The band is playing over on 3rd street and it sounds rather mournful. I am sure if they were to strike upon "Home, Sweet Home," there would be a great demand for caskets and an army burial ground. However, it isn't as bad here as it would be on the border for we can see a train pass twice a day and every once-in-a-while a stray "Wilsonian" sticks his head out of the window to say hello, boys, and their voices are as musical as all three of the regiment bands together. We were glad to see so many of you here yesterday, although your stay was of short duration.

Of course we have some handsome men in our company. Handsome in figure as well as in face, and why do we know? Because Bruce Poole and Jeff Lee had their clothes stolen from them yesterday while in bathing at the surf. Now everyone knows a soldier has no money; no valuables and surely no one wanted the uniform for there are too many in them now that have no use at all for them, so that proves that these two young men were so handsome in their bathing suits that they were forced to "pass in review" for hours before the throng would give them up. Up to the present time we've been unable to get Lieut. Harrell in bathing. I think he is taking a correspondence course in swimming and hasn't reached the water yet.

All the boys are out on the field drilling except Charlie Mumford and myself. Charlie is sitting opposite me buried in thought. I don't know who he is writing to but from the expression on his face he is either writing home for money or making out his will. But one can never tell though, for love is such a funny thing.

One of our boys, Vance Harrell, was taken suddenly ill Saturday night with appendicitis and carried to the hospital at Morehead where he was operated on at once. He is getting along nicely and we hope he will soon be back with us.

A number of us walked over to Morehead and back last night after supper for the exercise. Lieut. Dunn said we could call it exercise if we wanted to but he called it necessity. Never mind we'll have a pan dan in the "Sweet Bye and Bye."

Don't forget to come to see us Sunday. We heard yesterday that Mr. George Allen was coming to spend the day with us and we were very much disappointed when he didn't "show up." Never mind, there's another Sunday coming if it is a month off. The most popular song in camp is "Every Day'll be Sunday Bye and Bye."

With best wishes from all of us, and again thanking you one and all for your kindness to us, I remain,

Sincerely,
ED. HEARNE.

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*The Wilson Times,* July 19, 1916
**Notes from Camp Glenn**

Camp Glenn, N. C., July, 1916

Dear Editor and Home Folks:

Well! we are well doctored up now. We have taken our second dose of typhoid vaccine and have been vaccinated for small pox on the same arm and it has begun taking on every boy's arm in Company K. So you can imagine the sight. All the boys have the "keep-off-the-grass" sign on their left arm and a worse sign on their faces. But we've all seen Jess Teacher's arm. The doctor had to place it under a microscope to find a place large enough to stick the needle so we all took a look.

I noticed the article in the paper headed "Ties That Bind" and must say that it wasn't the "eats" alone that caused me to make the remark that "Every soldier here wishes he was from Wilson." Of course the "eats" are very acceptable and very much appreciated but they are of more importance along side of the greater things that make one proud of the fact that he is from Wilson, and an outsider remarked, "I wish I was from Wilson." The "eats" do their share in causing this remark to be made but the greatest thing to boast of is the loyalty of the Wilsonians. It's true that the other companies here were given a royal "send off" when they left home. But—now it would seem that the majority of those "send offs" were only funeral services and that their "Boys in Brown" were a thing of the past. But Wilson proves to her boys that she is ever hopeful, ever thoughtful of them and always praying that they may do their duty and return to their home town the "Heroes in Brown" that she believed them to be when she sent them off on June the twenty-eighth, amid tears of joy and sympathy intermingled; rejoicing because she possessed such boys that she could trust her honor and glory to; and sympathizing with them over the trials they must face and sacrifices they must make. So realizing all this is behind the sending of such "eats" well may an outsider wish he was from Wilson.

Sunday was an excellent day and a number of our folks were with us. The only thing that kept it from being a perfect day was that you all were not here to enjoy that splendid dinner furnished us by Messrs. A. A. Privette and H. A. Hill, whom we wish to extend our thanks. We may not be able to thank each one of you separately for the things sent us but do not think we do not appreciate them, for we appreciate every

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attention, every gift, large or small and each day a prayer of thanks goes up from the hearts of every member of Company K to you dear folks at home.

Lieutenant Dunn and Sergeant Riley were "out here" yesterday and when we poor unfortunate privates saw those good looking young ladies we all wished we could be lieutenants and sergeants for one day if no longer.

There was only one thing that happened during the whole day that caused us to bow our heads in sorrow. We hate to send sad news home but every paragraph can not be words of happiness and good cheer so I feel it is my duty to make special mention of this occasion. Yesterday morning as the camp train pulled into camp Miss Nellie Johnson stepped on the camp ground with a handsome suitcase which was quickly transferred to Sergeant Riley's tent. At twelve-forty the contents of the suit case met a tragic end. It was sport to the enemy to devour the excellent prey, and they gaily celebrated until the retreat sounded and they realized that within a few minutes the remains of that suitcase must be bourne away and that the pleasure was all over until a later day. So as the train whistle sounded, a corps of pall bearers were found and bearing the remains of the esteemed victim they slowly marched to the train behind Sergeant Riley and Miss Johnson. The pall bearers were Privates James Avery, Geo. A. Stroud, Ernest Boswell and Tom Waters. The chief mourners caught the train for Beaufort for the purpose of partially drowning their sorrow until another victim could be captured.

Colonel Ralph Giddens is _____ of honor and is a soldier of _____ity. We were sorry to learn _____ sickness of General Lewis _____s, who was with us for a number of days, and hope he will soon be with us again.

Several recruits came in last week and we gave them a hearty welcome. We were especially glad to see our Captain return.

One of our recruits, Dave Turner, was sent to the captain's tent for fifteen yards of skirmish line to clean his rifle with and also the key to the parade ground. He was very much disappointed when he was told they were just out.

The mess call has just sounded so I must close for this time. Be sure and come up Sunday.

With best wishes from all of us, I am

Sincerely,

Ed. Hearne.

[Editor's note: A small portion of this column was missing due to the deterioration of the paper.]

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[The next letter was written by a substitute for Ed. Hearne who was sick. A portion of top of the article (two columns) is missing.]

*The Wilson Times,* July 25, 1916

Dear ____

We _____inform you that our dear reporter Ed. Hearne has been right sick for a few days and today is in right bad shape, or you would have had another letter from us this week.

Our men have all taken their last does of Typhoid treatment, and this last one added to the vaccinated arms has about put some of the men out of the running. Ed. Hearne, J. N. Perry, and Bowley Cooper have been very sick today, but the doctors are doing their best for these members of Co K.

Our Captain made some ____st and cooked some eggs for the sick men tonight and we feel that after his cooking every man will be better in the morning. We have "Some Captain" anyway, and the boys feel almost like he should be called "Father", as he is looking after his men all the while.

Colonel "Ralph Giddens" is a great comfort to us and especially so since we are in such shape with our bad arms. He and Lewis help make our time more pleasant, and we are glad to have them with us.

Miss Maude Harrell came down today on a visit to Lt. Harrell and it makes us right homesick that all of our sisters and sweethearts don't come.

We will start Target work next week and this will be fine, for we just are crazy to know whether Sgt. Riley, Corp'l Barbour, QMSgt, Shackleford, Corp'l Scott or the Captain will win the honor of being the best shot in the company. Captain says, "if" he is defeated he is going to give a watermelon to the winner, and if he is the winner "he is to receive a watermelon from each of the other best shots. He likes them too so there will be some fine shooting in Co K. when we get on the range

Tomorrow being Sunday we are looking for some home folks to come to see us and we have heard there will _____

The Home Folks are so good to us we are just building the very best company in this outfit, and when we get in just the best shape we want everyone who can to see us in Dress Parade.

Most of our company have joined the choir and we are going to sing at the services in the morning. The band of 28 pieces will accompany us so you know the music will be fine. Capt. Robeson, our Chaplain is a very fine man and the men of Co K., are in love with him, but we never forget our ministers in Wilson.

With love for all the dear Wilson Home Folks.

"SAND FIDDLER."

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*The Wilson Times,* August 19, 1916

**FROM CAMP GLENN.**

Camp Glenn, N. C., Aug. 19.

Dear Editor and Home Folks:

Warm—not even hot—expresses this ___ime weather we are having now, although at night we shiver beneath two blankets. However I guess we are shivering in the day time here to what we would on the border.

We were very much disappointed when we received news to settle down once more until the strike was settled. We were in readiness hoping to leave here Monday for the border. Now it may be two weeks before we leave. I imagine we will all be more anxious to leave down there than we are to get there although it seems impossible for whenever the least bit of news arrives regarding our departure it is met with cheer after cheer. But wait—when we get there and look around seeing trees and only a huge cactus now and then with rattlesnakes coiled around them seeking shade, and a vision of a "Greaser" across the border with a dagger between his teeth and one in each hand—there will be more

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than one "Boy in Brown" who will get up the next morning and put all his clothes on backwards so his captain will think he's coming instead of going. Of course Claude Williams need have no fear for it will take an expert rifleman to hit him anyway. I needn't talk though for several of us have fallen off until our officers have to look at us through field glasses to tell whether we are uniforms blown off the clothes line or whether there's really something in them. I've been expecting every day to be folded up and put in some one's clothes box as several of the boys are short of uniforms. But we are gaining every day. Our work agrees with us. We are learning too. Uncle Sam knew that washer-women were getting scarce so now he's making "washermen". Believe me when we are mustered out of service there will be the finest stock of husbands at large that has ever inhabited our nation 'neath the sun. Why the 3 in 1 oil won't have a thing on us. We'll be Washerman, Cook, Seamstress, Floor Walker and several minor professions combined. You girls had better get in a supply of Lydia Pinkham's Compound and begin on the directions for when we serve our sentence here it will take an arch angel to make us sign up for life.

Jeff Lee, stuck his head in the opening, called a door, and said, "You tell them boy—I'll hang the ice out to dry." I notice several married men who were given an honorable discharge are returning and re-enlisting. So there really is a place worse than the army.

A number of us heard there was a "Holy Roller" meeting in progress at Beaufort, so we decided a man should follow the religion he is best prepared for, and realizing that one eating beans three times a day would make a good "roller" we made our way to Beaufort. The fellow that was to give us the scriptures containing the rolling qualities, got the devil and the Bible mixed up, and after cursing Beaufort out and making low remarks about the soldiers and their parents, he was rolled himself, out of town, by the citizens of Beaufort assisted by some Boys in Brown. Just before the rolling a young lady arose and sang, "Are You Ready?" Thinking that was the cue, the rolling began and e'er the song ended the preacher was hiding 'neath some wayside bush fighting mosquitos. If he remains there the tax collectors of Beaufort will never have cause to call on him.

All of our company are well and happy except "Babe" Perry and he'll be alright as soon as he can digest the nipple off his milk bottle. We told him not to go to sleep with it in his mouth. It's lucky he didn't swallow the bottle.

Now I'm not drunk but just as I began this I got a whiff from the fish factory—that's worse.

Hoping a number of you will be down Sunday. We all send best wishes.

Sincerely
ED. HEARNE.

[Editor's note: Copied as originally printed.]

## PERSONAL.

*The Wilson Times*, Sept. 1, 1897

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Elder Moses Moye left last Saturday to fill an appointment.
Mrs. J. M. Bradley, of Norfolk, was in the city last Saturday.
Capt. Killette, of Springhope, was in the city last Saturday.
Elder Andrew Moore, of Whitakers, was in the city Friday.
Mr. Davis Hankins, of Wilmington, was in the city Monday.
Mr. Geo. Hackney left Tuesday for Rocky Mount on business.
Mr. Louis F. Hales, of Rocky Mount, was in the city last Friday.
Mr. Will Brooks, of Black Creek, was in the city last Tuesday.
Mr. Howard Rowe was in the city last Saturday from Black Creek.
Mr. Geo. Hales, of Rocky Mount, was in the city last Saturday.
Prof. Jas. W. Hayes, of Elm City, was in the city last Saturday.
Ex-Senator M. W. Ransom passed through the city last Tuesday.
Mrs. J. E. Williford left last Monday for Elm City on a business trip.
Miss Pauline Woodard, of Black Creek, was in the city Tuesday.
Elder Wm. Stevenson, of Smithfield, arrived in the city last Tuesday.
Mrs. E. A. Darden left last Friday for Wilmington to visit relatives.
Mrs. L. C. H. Brown returned yesterday from a visit to Rocky Mount.
Mr. T. H. Best returned last Saturday from a month's trip to Baltimore.
Dr. Powers, a prominent Lenoir county man, is now residing in this city.
Mrs. S. B. Daniel returned last Saturday from an extended visit to relatives.
Mr. Howard Jones returned yesterday from Dr. W. P. Mercer's in Edgecombe.
Capt. Arthur Barnes spent last Saturday and Sunday in Clinton with friends.
Mrs. W. H. Applewhite, of Moyeton, left last Friday for Winston, to visit relatives.
Capt. E. M. Pace, of Newberne, was in the city last Monday on a visit to his family.
Mr. C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, U. S. District Attorney, was in the city Wednesday.
Mrs. Dr. Wm. S. Anderson left Monday for Petersburg, where she will visit relatives.
Mrs. E. J. Fergusson returned yesterday from a long visit to relatives near Richmond.
Mrs. W. E. Farmer returned last Saturday from Wilmington, where she visited relatives.
Mrs. T. D. Gay arrived last Saturday from Weldon to visit her daughter, Mrs. M. T. Young.
Mr. H. E. Thompson, formerly of this city but now of Jackson Springs, was in the city Monday.
Mrs. John E. Oates and daughter left yesterday for Charlotte, after a visit to Mrs. J. M. Leath.
Col. Jno. F. Bruton returned last Monday from St. Louis Mo., where he went on professional business.
Miss Eliza Hodges returned last Friday from Raleigh to attend the funeral of her relative, Mr. Willie Daniel.
Mr. J. T. Wood, of Enfield, was in the city last Friday on business connected with the new bank at that place.
Mr. A. D. Howell and family returned last Monday from Wilson's Mills, where they visited Mrs. Howell's mother.
Rev. D. W. Davis left Tuesday for Washington, where he preached the funeral of Editor Winfield of the Watch Tower.
Mr. Joe Pearce and family, of Richmond, who have been visiting Mr. Pearce's parents, in this city, left yesterday for home.
Mrs. John Bardin, of Black Creek, arrived in the city last Saturday called here by the serious illness of her relative, Mrs. Jno. Y. Moore.

Misses Miriam and Sydney Pasteur, who have been visiting their friend, Miss Carter Joyner, left Tuesday for their home in Ocalo, Fl.

**A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles** as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so will be listed in Trees in sections over the coming months. **This is Part 5.**

**Forbes Joseph W. 5/28/1861 21 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #704, age 20)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal then Sergeant; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; captured at Burkeville 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/18/65 William & Elizabeth Forbes (1860 #704)

**Fulghum Garry 5/27/1861 27 1860 Census (1860 Census #845, age 26 at home of John & Katharine Herald)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Sergeant then 2nd Lieutenant then 1st Lieutenant; wounded at Sharpsburg; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; wounded at Cold Harbor; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 Jesse & Temperance Fulghum (1860 #1024)

**Fulghum James Henry 5/27/1861 22 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1024, age 21)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal then Sergeant; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; wounded at Spotsylvania 5/64; captured at Burkeville 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/26/65
Jesse & Temperance Fulghum (1860 #1024)

**Fulghum Rayford or Raiford 5/28/1861 25 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1024, age 23)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Spotsylvania 5/64; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 (after the War he married Rhoda Boyette)
Jesse & Temperance Fulghum (1860 #1024)/

**Fulghum William B. 5/28/1861 21 Wilson Co. (1860 Census 993, age 19)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital in Wilson of chronic diarrhea 2/17/63
Edwin & Mary Fulghum (1860 #993)

**Goodman D.J. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
sergeant; paroled at Salisbury 5/18/65

**Goodman P.O. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
private; paroled at Salisbury 5/19/65

**Gorman John C. 5/16/1861 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #424, age 25)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Appointed 3rd Lieutenant then 1st Lieutenant then Captain of Company; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; wounded at Fredericksburg; wounded & captured at Spotsylvania 5/19/64; imprisoned & paroled 12/15/64 at Charleston, S.C.; wounded at Petersburg 4/65; paroled in Raleigh 5/24/65
(wife Emily J.. Gorman, 1860 #424)

**Griffin G. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
private; paroled at Goldsboro '65

**Griffin James H. 8/22/1861 25 Nash Co. (?1860 Census #0539, age 26)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
private; wounded at Cedar Creek 10/19/64; furloughed; hospitalized in Danville 4/5/65 with debilitas

**Griswold John 6/27/1861 23 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; imprisoned Castle Thunder for murder 4/63; deserted 8/27/63; rejoined company under general amnesty 10/21/64; captured at Petersburg 4/3/65; imprisoned Hart's Island; took oath 6/19/65

**Hammery James ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Salisbury 5/27/65

**Harrell Asa T.** I do not believe this man to have been a member of Company B at any time in the War. He was captured at a place and time the do not coincide with the unit history, his place of residence was Norfolk county which is out of place and there is question as to the validity of his name.
*Military Service Record*
Private; captured Norfolk 6/1/64; imprisoned at Elmira; died of chronic diarrhea 1/10/65

**Haynes J. B. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled Charlotte 5/11/65

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**HinnantJames 1/26/1862 19 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1118, age 19)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63 & died of wound 5/9/63
?father Mabry Hinnant, 1860 #1118)

**HinnantJohn W. 5/27/1861 28 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1124, age24)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63 & died of wound 5/4-6/63

**HinnantJonathan 5/28/1861 22 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Sergeant then Private; wounded Gettysburg 7/2-3/63; captured Williamsport, Md 7/14/63; paroled & exchanged 8/23/63; hospitalized and transferred to Invalid Corp 11/11/64

**Hogg Bass 5/?861 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private: no further records (Clark's Regiments)

**HowardJohn5/16/1861 27 Wilson Co in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Appointed Captain of the Company, Major of the Regiment; killed Sharpsburg 9/17/62 (promoted to Major that day) HH

**Howard William 2/3/1862 Wilson Co in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Appointed 2nd Lieutenant; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1-2/62; resigned due to wound 3/23/63

**Jefferson Joseph 1/20/1862 34 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Malvern Hill 7/1/62

**Joyner Reddick5/29/1861 28 Wilson Co. in 1861**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Spotsylvania 4/20/64; imprisoned at Point Lookout then Elmira; took oath 6/16/65

**Kale William R.** I do not believe this man to have been a member of Company B at any time in the War. He was captured at a place and time the do not coincide with the unit history, his place of residence was Norfolk county which is out of place and there is question as to the validity of his name.
*Military Service Record*
Private; captured Norfolk 6/1/64; imprisoned Point Lookout then Elmira; took oath 5/29/65

**Kelley Mack C. 5/28/1861 31 Wilson Co. (1860 #302, age 30)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Sharpsburg 9/17/62 (wife Sarah, 1860 #302)

**Kennell H. G. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled Greensboro 5/15/65

**Kinns Isaac ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured Falling Waters, Md 7/14/63; hospitalized; paroled & exchanged 8/24/63

**Kluttz W.C. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled in Greensboro 5/11/65

**Lamb Harris5/27/1861 25 Wilson Co. (1860 #251, age 24)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; transferred to Co. D of the Regiment 11/10/61
(wife Martha, 1860 #251)

**Lamb Larry L5/28/1861 25 Wilson Co. (?1860 #977, age 26, at residence of Willie & Christian Lamb)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded near Warrenton, Va 10/15/63 and died in hospital at Richmond of wound and typhoid 12/19/63
(?wife Patience Lamb, 1860 #977)

**Lamb Simon D. 5/28/1861 22 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #984, age 22)**
*Military Service Record* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital in Wilson of disease 5/20/63
?Jacob & Lucy Lamb, 1860 #984)

## Meeting Minutes of WCGS, October 23, 2001

The meeting of the WCGS was held in the Wilson County Public Library, October 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Presiding, was WCGS President Carol Forbes.

The minutes of the September meeting were previously printed in *Trees of Wilson* and met with approval. Henry Powell reported that the treasury began with $3600 in September, now maintains a balance of $7500, including within the total a CD in the bank. He emphasized that members pay up dues to save the Society stamps and to keep *Trees of Wilson* in your mailbox.

The slate of officers for 2002 presented were: Sue Powell for President; Mary Anne Sheak for Vice President; Frances Roberson for Secretary; Henry Powell for Treasurer; Dick Rountree for Board Member; and Carol Forbes to finish Sue's last year on the Board. Rufus Swain made a motion that the slate be accepted and voted on by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Grace Turner and a vote for the officers was carried. Officers will be installed at the November meeting.

Reese Ferrell said Director Ronda Falk informed him that the LDS Library in Rocky Mount would be open for certain hours. The center is located at 3224 Woodlawn Avenue. The center can be called for the hours they are open.

Also Sue Powell reminded members of the Annual NCGS meeting November 2-3, 2001, in Raleigh, NC.

May Anne Moore Sheak, guest speaker, gave an interesting account about compiling her Moore family book. She suggested that first you write down everything that you have in some order that someone else could understand it. She told how she bought a computer and learned to use it. She said that being consistent in your format makes a better product. The Wilson Library was most helpful with information on copyrighting, binding (hard cover) and other matters. She had a large family reunion at her house that produced forty advanced orders and much additional family information.

After her talk there was the opportunity to mingle and look at her book, as well as to discuss projects with her. The meeting was then adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Lenore Smith, Secretary.

## The Alligator

From the Hugh Johnston files

This event centers around a family of highly respected, Christian, and very black women named Sauls. "Aunt Jane" the matriarch died about 1929 and must have been not far from a hundred years old. She had been a free woman and had bought the freedom of her husband John Sauls who died so long ago that nobody remembers when. As a girl Aunt Jane had been bound out as a nursemaid in the home of William Woodard, Sr., and her brother Mike Sauls as his stableboy. When Calvin Woodard, Jr., was born in 1865, her young daughter Mary became his nurse.

In later years Aunt Jane and her three daughters established a home that only death put an end to. They rented twenty acres near Elijah Barnett between Stantonsburg and Eureka, farming with their own two mules, wagon, plows, and other utensils. "Aunt Mary", who was born in 1856 and died in 1960, did the plowing and harder outside work. "Aunt Sylvania" specialized as housekeeper and cook; she died in 1957. "Aunt Anna", who died in 1956, was the business woman of the family but also helped with the necessary work. Having no husbands and no children, the three sisters lived a devoted and laborious life.

To get back to the alligator, the event appears to have occurred at Davis's Mill about fifty years ago, on a branch that begins in Wayne County and flows northward into Wilson County and Contentnea Creek. It was in early Spring and "Aunt Mary" was plowing while the others were shrubbing on the bank of the old pond near-by. She came across something in the stubble that she mistook for a log, but it seemed to move when she struck against it. She called to the others and they ridiculed the idea but came to look. When the "log" moved again, they realized that it was some sort of creature that they had never seen before, but nothing daunted they attacked and killed it with their shrubbing tools. It was actually a large alligator, and this explained the strange marks dragged across the fields in the past, and the bellowing that sometimes sounded from the old pond bed.

## All I want for Christmas ...

contributed by Grace Turner

Dear Santa,
Don't bring me new dishes;
I don't need a new kind of game.
Genealogists have peculiar wishes;
For Christmas I just want a sur
name.
A new washing machine would be
great,
But it isn't the desire of my life.
I've just found an ancestor's birth
date,
Now I need the name of his wife.
My heart doesn't yearn for a ring
That would put a real diamond to
shame.
What I want is a much cheaper
thing:
Please give me Martha's last name.
To see my heart singing with joy,
Don't bring me a red leather suit
case.
Bring me a genealogist's joy:
A surname, with dates and a place.

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